



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2023 Session

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Interstate Med. Lic. Compact/Mil. Licensure.
Bill Number: House Bill 681 (First Edition)
Sponsor(s): Rep. K. Baker, Rep. Reeder, Rep. Lambeth, and Rep. Potts

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B. 681, V.1 (\$ in)					
	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>
State Impact					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund Impact	No Estimate Available - Refer to Fiscal Analysis section				
NET STATE IMPACT	No Estimate Available - Refer to Fiscal Analysis section				

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

This bill enters North Carolina into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact), providing qualified applicants an expedited means to practice in member states.

The bill’s primary fiscal impact is on the North Carolina Medical Board (Board). The Board’s budget and operations are outside of the State treasury so the bill will not impact the State budget.

The bill requires all applicants for licensure through the Compact to undergo criminal records checks. The Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) is responsible for conducting the records checks but the fiscal impact is unknown.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

North Carolina Medical Board

The Board estimates that joining the Compact will impact their budget in two ways. First, the Board’s current licensing technology and processes are expected to undergo modifications to align with the Interstate Medical Licensure Commission’s (Commission) information requirements (the Commission is the Compact’s administrative entity). The Board indicates that the extent and cost of these modifications is unknown.

Secondly, the Board anticipates an increase in workload due to processing new applications for medical licensure under the Compact. However, the Board is unable to determine the extent of the

impact because the number of individuals seeking licensure through the Compact and the timing of the applications is undeterminable at this time.

Finally, while costs associated with participating in the Compact are undeterminable, the bill authorizes the Board to adopt a new licensing fee and authorizes the Commission to do likewise. The Commission also provides funds to member states to assist with participating in the Compact.

Criminal Records Checks

In accordance to G.S. 90-11, criminal records checks are conducted by the SBI on all qualified State residents seeking medical licensure through the Board. The current fee for a combined (state and federal) criminal record check is \$38 and is paid by each applicant. The bill would extend this requirement to applicants seeking licensure through the Compact but the impact cannot be determined due to the uncertainty in the number of applications for medical licenses.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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