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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Griego DATE TYPED: 02/13/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Title Insurance Agent Licensing SB 422
 ANALYST: Wilson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)
LFC files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 422 requires title insurance agents to take and pass an examination in order to be licensed. Currently title insurance agents are exempted from examination requirements, but SB 422 removes the exemption.

Significant Issues

Agents and applicants in all other lines of insurance are tested for competence, knowledge and an understanding of attendant responsibility and duties of the insurance business to be transacted under the license.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The PRC currently contracts out the agents' testing so that there will be no additional requirements for the PRC staff.

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