

NOTE: As provided in LFC policy, this report is intended only for use by the standing finance committees of the legislature. The Legislative Finance Committee does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of the information in this report when used for other purposes.

The most recent FIR version (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) is available on the Legislative Website. The Adobe PDF version includes all attachments, whereas the HTML version does not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Salazar DATE TYPED: 2/16/03 HB 145/aHBIC
 SHORT TITLE: Relating to Boards; Extending Sunset Dates SB _____
 ANALYST: Maloy

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			*See Narrative	Recurring	OSF

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
 The Regulation and Licensing Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HBIC Amendments

The House Business and Industries Committee amendments make the following technical changes:

1. Amends the bill's title regarding the Professional Psychologist Act to eliminate certain experience requirements, and specify the correct name of the Inspection of Public Records Act.
2. Provides clean-up language regarding the correct title of the Inspection of Public Records Act and other technical changes.

Synopsis of Original Bill

- HB 145 extends the Sunset dates for the following boards that are administratively attached to the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD):
 - Optometry
 - Chiropractic
 - Dental Health Care
 - Podiatry

- Psychologist Examiners
- Osteopathic Medical Examiners
- Pharmacy
- Respiratory Care
- Physical Therapy

The extended Sunset date for these boards is 2009.

- HB 145 also extends the Sunset dates for the following independent boards that are not attached to RLD:
 - Nursing
 - Medical Examiners

The extended Sunset date for these boards is also 2009.

Significant Issues

- Current law requires legislative review and reauthorization of these boards every 5 years.
- Failure to extend the Sunset dates for these boards will result in their ceasing, at least *as state entities*, to protect the public through licensure, the adoption of practice standards, and enforcement within their professional fields.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- These boards are funded through OSF, not the general fund. The revenue they generate through exam fees, licensing fees, renewal fees, administrative penalties, and the like, is used to directly support their administration.
- There are approximately 25 boards administratively attached to RLD. At this time, their administration costs are consolidated and shared. Some of the larger boards underwrite the costs of smaller boards. If the above identified boards were to be Sunsetting, it would likely affect the administrative / operational stability of the remaining boards administratively attached to RLD.

SJM/prr :yr