



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1600

PRINTERS NO. 3176

PRIME SPONSOR: Stevenson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act to comply with updated Federal standards regarding appraiser qualifications. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act (Act 98 of 1990) to do the following:

- Authorizes the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers (board) to require FBI criminal history reports on all applicants for licensure.
- Authorizes the board to consider all criminal history report information, including that of arrests that do not result in a conviction, when determining fitness for licensure.
- Deletes the outdated requirement that license applications be notarized and replaces it with the requirement that the application state that information provided by the applicant is subject to penalties for providing false information.
- Allows the board to issue appraiser trainee licenses to individuals who are licensed as appraiser trainees in another state.
- Requires licensed appraiser trainees to complete the same level of continuing education required for license renewal for residential and general appraisers (currently 28 hours of continuing education).

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.