FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1172   **PRINTERS NO**. 1989   **PRIME SPONSOR**: Hickernell

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	**$0**	**$0**

SUMMARY: Establishes an endorsement process for all the boards and commissions under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) for the issuing of licenses to applicants who are licensed to practice in another state. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L. 345, No. 48), providing for BPOA boards and commissions to issue licenses, certificates, registrations or permits if the applicant:
*   Holds a current license in good standing from another state, territory or country with substantially equivalent requirements or requirements that exceed the Commonwealth's,
*   Demonstrates competency in the profession through methods determined by the board such as continuing education or experience in the profession for at least 2 of the 5 preceding years, and
*   Has not committed an act that would be grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license in Pennsylvania.

The boards and commissions may issue a provisional endorsement license to allow the applicant to practice while the applicant is satisfying remaining requirements for licensure. The provisional endorsement license expires if the applicant is denied a license, upon the expiration date or if the holder of the provisional endorsement license fails to comply with the terms of the provisional license.

Final regulations shall be promulgated by each board and commission within 18 months of the effective date.

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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.