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Sponsor: Rep. Artina Tinsley Hardman

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Committee: HEALTH POLICY

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Completed: 10/31/01

State Fiscal Impact

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

The bill would allow health professionals who are licensed in a province of Canada to be granted an appropriate license in Michigan by endorsement as long as the health professional met certain requirements outlined in statute, administrative rules, and additional requirements in the bill regarding educational requirements and providing services and billing within Michigan. This provision would sunset on January 1, 2004. Similar licensure by endorsement provisions already exist in current law for health professionals from other states.

Current application and licensing fees (which when combined can range between \$100 - \$150 annually depending on the profession) would still be effective for Canadian applicants seeking licensure by endorsement. However, it is possible that certain one-time examination requirements and the related fees (which can range from \$100 to \$400 depending on the profession) could be waived if an applicant can show that these requirements have been substantially met through his or her licensure in Canada. Thus, the bill would reduce state revenues by an indeterminate amount. It is likely that state examination administration and review costs would also be reduced by a similar, offsetting amount.