

Legislative Analysis



REPORT ON OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES DENIED ON MORAL CHARACTER GROUNDS

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Senate Bill 293 as reported from House committee

Sponsor: Sen. Jeremy Moss

House Committee: Ways and Means

Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

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<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 293 would amend the Occupational Code to require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to report annually to the legislature regarding applications for occupational licenses that were denied because of an applicant's lack of good moral character.

Section 411 of the code requires LARA, by December 1 of each year, to submit a report to the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the Senate and House of Representatives concerned with occupational issues. The report must include certain specified information regarding applications for occupational licenses during the state fiscal year that ended the previous September 30.

In addition to information already required to be included in the report, the bill would require it to include the number of applications denied by LARA because of an applicant's lack of good moral character and a summary, by category of offense, of the criminal convictions on which those denials were based.

MCL 339.411

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 293 is identical to House Bill 4493, which was passed by the House of Representatives on September 10, 2020, as part of a package of bills addressing good moral character requirements for occupational and professional licensure.¹

HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION:

The House Committee on Ways and Means reported the version of the bill as it was passed by the Senate without amendment.

¹ See <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2019-2020/billanalysis/House/pdf/2019-HLA-4488-729B6EF1.pdf>

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 293 would not have an appreciable fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or on any other unit of state or local government, since the bill would simply add a requirement to a report that is already produced.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan League for Public Policy indicated support for the bill. (12-1-20)

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