

# Legislative Analysis



## **RECIPROCITY FOR LICENSED CANADIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

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**Senate Bill 1021 (S-1) as passed by the Senate**  
**Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Schmidt**  
**House Committee: Ways and Means**  
**Senate Committee: Health Policy and Human Services**  
**Complete to 11-30-20**

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### **SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 1021 would amend the Public Health Code to reinstitute the ability for licensed Canadian health professionals to be licensed, registered, or certified in Michigan, provided that they meet the educational, examination, and billing requirements in Michigan law. This endorsement is allowed for health professionals from other states and had been allowed for Canadian health professionals from 2002 until it was allowed to sunset, or expire, in 2012.

The bill provides that the allowance would no longer apply if the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), in consultation with the appropriate licensing board, promulgated a rule disallowing its application for Canadian health professionals whose training, educational requirements, or provincial licensure are not substantially similar to those in Michigan.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In an effort to address the chronic shortage of health professionals in Michigan, 2002 PA 441 allowed the endorsement procedure in the Public Health Code to apply to licensed Canadian health professionals, in addition to health professionals from other states.<sup>1</sup> 2006 PA 398 extended the original 2007 sunset (expiration date) until 2012.<sup>2</sup> The bill would remove that sunset and effectively reinstate the provision.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 1021 would not be expected to have an appreciable fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2001-2002/billanalysis/House/pdf/2001-HFA-4994-4.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/billanalysis/House/pdf/2005-HLA-6253-3.pdf>