Legislative Analysis



MORTUARY SCIENCE LICENSE FEES

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Senate Bill 1182 (S-1) as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Jim Stamas

House Committee: Government Operations [Discharged]

Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1182 would amend the State License Fee Act to revise annual license fees for mortuary science, funeral director, and funeral home establishment licensees as follows:

Mortuary science

current fee: \$40 beginning 10-1-21: \$67.50 beginning 10-1-23: \$95 beginning 10-1-25: \$122.50

Funeral director

current fee: \$40 under the bill: \$30

Funeral home establishment

current fee: \$55 beginning 10-1-21: \$102.50 beginning 10-1-23: \$150 beginning 10-1-25: \$197.50

The annual license fees for embalmers and resident trainees are each now \$30 and would not be changed by the bill.

The bill could not take effect unless HB 4437 were also enacted into law.¹

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1182 would have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) by increasing revenue to the Licensing and Regulation Fund. Expenditures for mortuary science regulation currently exceed licensure revenues, and the fee revisions included in this bill would narrow that deficit. LARA indicated that

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¹ http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2019-HB-4437

expenditures for the regulatory program totaled approximately \$615,605 in FY 19 and \$993,000 in FY 20 (with the FY 20 increase attributed to increased enforcement actions). The fees are collected on a biennial cycle, and the department indicated that revenue for FY 19 was \$164,862 and for FY 20 it was \$113,295. Based on the numbers reported by the department, expenditures over the two-year period totaled approximately \$1.6 million and revenues were approximately \$278,000, resulting in a \$1.3 million deficit. LARA indicated that under the bill biennial revenue would be projected to be \$436,710 in 2021, \$622,930 in 2023, and \$809,150 in 2025.

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