

**FISCAL NOTE**

The fiscal impact is indeterminable.

This bill requires ten states join the compact and rules be written by the commission before the compact would be operable. The Mental Health Professions Licensing Board (Board) reports two states have passed legislation to enact the compact thus far. The Board assumes the compact will not be operable in FY 2023.

The Board reports the current application fee for a mental health counselor license is \$350 and the renewal is \$125 bi-annually, not inclusive of fees for background checks or fingerprinting. The Board reports for the most recent year of data, there were 35 applications and 206 renewals for a total of \$38,000 in licensing revenue.

The Board anticipates this legislation would result in both a revenue increase and a revenue decrease, but the revenue decrease would exceed the revenue increase. The Board estimates a net revenue decrease of (\$3,875) in FY 2024 and (\$6,250) in FY 2025. Additional information is provided below:

- Revenue Increases: Under the compact, the Board assumes it would collect a fee for the privilege to practice of \$125 bi-annually from 27 and 40 professional counselors in FY 2024 and FY 2025 respectively. This would generate \$3,375 in FY 2024 and \$5,000 in FY 2025.
- Revenue Decreases: The Board anticipates the number of application fees would decrease by 50 percent in FY 2024 and 75 percent in FY 2025 resulting in a revenue decrease of \$6,125 in FY 2024 and \$9,000 in FY 2025. The Board assumes renewals would decrease by 10 in FY 2024 and 20 in FY 2025. In aggregate this is an estimated revenue decrease of \$7,250 in FY 2024 and \$11,250 in FY 2025.

The compact may charge dues or membership fees which would increase expenditures. Additionally, this legislation would require Wyoming to participate in a data system. The Department of Enterprise Technology Services reports this would require additional expenditures. There is not enough information at this time to estimate the amount of the expenditure increases.

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