

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact is indeterminable.

This bill enters Wyoming into a compact with other states to allow licensed professional counselors licensed in one compact state to exercise a multistate licensure privilege in other states party to the compact. The Mental Health Professions Licensing Board (Board) reports seventeen states have passed legislation and joined the compact so far.

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 also reports an unknown expenditure increase as a result of this legislation.

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 estimates a net revenue decrease of (\$7,375) in FY 2024, (\$10,875) in FY 2025 and (\$10,125) in FY 2026. Additional information is provided below:

- Revenue Increases: Under the compact, for FY 2024 and FY 2025 the Board assumes it would collect a fee for the privilege to practice of \$125 bi-annually estimated to be \$5,500 in FY 2024, \$6,250 in FY 2025 and \$7,000 in FY 2026. This estimate is based on licensing of 33 percent of those that currently have a Wyoming license and 50 percent of what is normally received as applications for endorsement will convert to compact privilege. For FY 2025 and FY 2026 the Board included those currently licensed by Wyoming and assumed new people seeking a privilege to practice in Wyoming. The Board anticipates revenue will increase for the first two to three years and then level off.
- Revenue Decreases: The Board anticipates the number of applications would decrease by 50 percent in FY 2024 and 75 percent in FY 2025 and FY 2026 resulting in a revenue decrease of \$12,875 in FY 2024 and \$17,125 in both FY 2025 and FY 2026.

The compact may charge dues or membership fees which would increase expenditures for the Board. The fees for membership in the compact will be set by promulgation of rules by the commission; the Board estimates it may be between \$3,000 and \$10,000 per year. Additionally, this legislation would require Wyoming to participate in a data system and make data available to the compact in a secure manner. The cost of this is indeterminable at this time.

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