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## Health Care & Wellness Committee

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### HB 1753

**Brief Description:** Requiring a statement of inquiry for rules affecting fees related to health professions.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Riccelli, Macri and Harris.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires a disciplining authority to file a statement of inquiry prior to initiating formal rulemaking to set or adjust fees affecting health professions.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/15/19

**Staff:** Jim Morishima (786-7191).

**Background:**

Health Professions Fees.

Health professions are licensed and regulated by disciplining authorities, which charge licensing fees to license holders. These fees must be set in an amount to cover the costs of the licensing programs. A recent performance audit by the State Auditor found that revenues from some health professions have been covering the costs of licensing other professions.

Rulemaking Process.

Before initiating the formal rulemaking process, state agencies must file a statement of inquiry with the Code Reviser to solicit comments on the possible rulemaking. The statement of inquiry must identify the statutory authority for the rule, discuss why rules on the subject may be needed and what they will accomplish, identify other federal and state agencies that regulate the subject, discuss the possible rulemaking process, and specify the process by which interested parties may participate in the decision to adopt a new rule and formulation of a proposed rule prior to

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publication. An agency is not required to file a statement of inquiry under specific circumstances, including for rules that set or adjust fees pursuant to legislative standards.

**Summary of Bill:**

A disciplining authority must file a statement of inquiry prior to initiating formal rulemaking to set or adjust fees affecting health professions.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.