
Appropriations Committee

HB 1300

Brief Description: Transferring dedicated accounts for certain professional licenses to the business and professions account.

Sponsors: Representatives Donaghy, Reeves and Ormsby; by request of Department of Licensing.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Repeals six accounts administered by the Department of Licensing and adds the related businesses and professions to the list of professions for which all receipts from licenses and other fees must be deposited into the Business and Professions Account.
- Transfers fund balances from the six repealed accounts to the Business and Professions Account.

Hearing Date: 1/23/25

Staff: Xianyu Li (786-7094).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) regulates and issues licenses for a number of businesses and professions, including architects, landscape architects, embalmers, funeral directors, the Funeral and Cemetery Board, certified real estate appraisers, geologists, and appraisal management companies. The receipts from licenses, registrations, certifications, and other fees for these professions are currently collected under the following six accounts administered by the DOL:

- the Architects' License Account;
- the Landscape Architects' License Account;

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- the Funeral and Cemetery Account;
- the Real Estate Appraiser Commission Account;
- the Geologists' Account; and
- the Appraisal Management Company Account.

The Business and Professions Account is also administered by the DOL. It is used only for expenses incurred in carrying out certain business and professions licensing activities of the DOL. The DOL collects and deposits receipts from 24 businesses and professions into the Business and Professions Account.

Summary of Bill:

The six accounts administered by the DOL are repealed, and their existing fund balances are transferred to the Business and Professions Account. The related businesses and professions are added to the list of professions for which all receipts from licenses and other fees must be deposited into the Business and Professions Account.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 15, 2025.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2026.