

SB 142

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Prime sponsor : Tomlinson

- Authorizes the 27 licensing boards and commissions within the Department of State's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) to require a person who has been found, pursuant to a formal disciplinary hearing, to be in violation of a licensing act or regulation to pay the costs associated with investigating the underlying violation. The costs of investigation shall not include any associated legal fees or cost of prosecution.
- Increases the maximum civil penalty that a licensing board or commission can impose from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Currently, there is no authority under Act 48 or the respective licensing acts allowing the licensing boards and commissions to impose the costs of investigation on persons determined to be in violation of the licensing acts or regulations. Under their respective licensing acts, the licensing boards and commissions are required to fund their administrative, investigative, legal and miscellaneous expenses through fees, fines and civil penalties.

BPOA provides the administrative, investigative and legal staff necessary to administer the provisions of the acts, and then assess that cost to the particular board or commission as part of their operating expenses.

Effective Date: 60 days.