

Legislative Analysis



FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

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House Bill 5433 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Bryan Posthumus

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House Bill 5434 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Beth Griffin

House Bill 5435 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Steven Johnson

Committee: Workforce, Trades, and Talent
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SUMMARY:

House Bills 5433, 5434, and 5435 would each introduce effectively identical language into state statutes to require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to work with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to ensure that the fee for specified required examinations was approved for funding under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act.¹

HB 5433 would apply to examinations required for licensure or registration under Article 15 (Occupations) of the Public Health Code.

HB 5434 would apply to required examinations under the Skilled Trades Regulation Act.

HB 5435 would apply to required examinations under the Occupational Code.

The federal act provides that an individual entitled to educational assistance under the bill is also entitled to payment for certain licensing and certification tests in the amount of \$2,000 or the fee charged for the test, whichever is less.

HB 5433: proposed MCL 333.16305a

HB 5434: proposed MCL 339.5407a

HB 5435: proposed MCL 339.407a

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 5433, 5434, and 5435 would be unlikely to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or on the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). The current process requires LARA to submit examinations

¹ Licensure and certification funding on p. 45 <https://www.congress.gov/110/plaws/publ252/PLAW-110publ252.pdf>

to LEO, which then collaborates with the federal government to obtain examination approval (which can only be provided by the federal government). The reimbursement goes directly from the federal government to the veteran paying the cost of the examination, so it is unlikely that there would be any significant costs for the state.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity indicated opposition to the bills.
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