

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Permissive Provision for Fee Related to Individuals Petitioning Licensing Authority</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB1373 requires a state entity charged with oversight of occupational licensure to explicitly list the specific criminal records that would disqualify an applicant. Those criminal records must be directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation. Disqualification for a criminal conviction may last for a period no longer than 5 years, as long as the crime is not violent or sexual in nature and there have been no convictions within that 5-year period. The measure allows an individual with a criminal record to petition the licensing authority for a determination of whether that criminal record would disqualify the individual. An individual may petition a licensing authority to determine whether their criminal record will disqualify them from receiving a license.

The bill further eliminates many licensure requirements that the applicant be of good moral character or have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. Specific licensure requirement sections allow for denial of licensure only for a conviction of a crime that substantially relates to the practice of that occupation and poses a reasonable threat to public safety.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure provides licensing authorities procedures to list specific criminal records that would disqualify an applicant from receiving a license or certification, sets forth a five year limit for disqualification, with exceptions and provides for a petition process for an individual to a licensing authority for a determination of disqualification.

The petition process includes a provision, which is permissive, of ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) for each petition. Any fee revenue collected would result from the charging of the available fee by a licensing authority.

The measure modifies existing provisions and processes related to over forty individual licensing authorities to conform to the stated procedure.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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