

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

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Bill No.: Perfected SS for SCS for SB 157  
Subject: Nurses; Physicians; Professional Registration and Licensing; Health Care  
Professionals; Prisons and Jails  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the licensure of health care professionals.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>  |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                 | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> | <b>FY 2026</b> |
|  |                |                |                |
|  |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>              |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> | <b>FY 2026</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> | <b>FY 2026</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b> |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                      | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> | <b>FY 2026</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>                  | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                       | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> | <b>FY 2026</b> |
|  |                |                |                |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### Senate Amendment 2, as amended Sections 335.036 and 335.066 - APRN

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** state it is estimated that to fully investigate and prosecute complaints, the board may need additional resources. An unknown cost of up to \$100,000 from the Board of Nursing Fund may be necessary, depending on the number of cases and legal expenses that occur.

**Oversight** assumes because the potential for litigation is speculative that the Department of Commerce and Insurance will not incur significant cost related to this proposal. If a fiscal impact were to result, the DCI may request additional funding through the appropriation process.

**Oversight** contacted DCI officials and learned there are currently 14,673 registered APRNs in Missouri. APRNs are required to pay a one-time fee of \$150 for recognition of their APRN status. DCI officials state this proposal does not change the fee structure or requirements related to APRNs. The proposal instead changes the current APRN recognition model to a licensure model.

#### Bill as a whole:

Officials from the **Department of Corrections**, the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services**, and the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

In response to a previous version, officials from the the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Department of Social Services** each assumed the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> | FY 2024<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2025    | FY 2026    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   |                     |            |            |
|   |                     |            |            |
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
|   |                     |            |            |
|   |                     |            |            |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u> | FY 2024<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2025    | FY 2026    |
|   |                     |            |            |
|   |                     |            |            |
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
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FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Small medical businesses could be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act modifies several provisions relating to the licensure of health care professionals. Currently, a requirement for licensure as an assistant physician is that the applicant must be a graduate of any medical school. This act provides that the applicant must be a graduate of a medical school accredited by certain organizations listed in the act. This act repeals a provision of law that authorizes an assistant physician collaborative practice arrangement in any pilot project areas established in which assistant physicians may practice.

This act modifies licensing and collaborative practice arrangements for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). Under this act, an APRN may prescribe Schedule II controlled substances for hospice patients, as described in the act. Additionally, collaborative practice arrangements between the APRN and the collaborating physician may waive geographic proximity requirements, as described in the act, including when the arrangement outlines the use of telehealth and when the APRN is providing services in a correctional center. Collaborating physicians or designated physicians shall be present with the APRN for sufficient periods of time, at least once every two weeks, to participate in chart reviews and supervision. Currently, an APRN shall practice with the collaborating physician continuously present for a one-month period when entering into an arrangement with the physician. This act waives that requirement when a primary care or behavioral health physician enters into an arrangement with a primary care or behavioral health APRN, the physician is new to the patient population, and the APRN is familiar with the patient population.

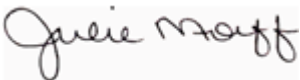
Currently, a nurse may be licensed to practice professional or practical nursing. This act adds a license to practice advanced practice nursing and modifies the definitions of APRN and the practice of professional nursing. Additionally, this act specifies the requirements for the advanced practice nursing license, including the requirement that an applicant first hold a current registered professional nurse license, and have completed certain graduate-level programs and certifications, or hold a document of recognition to practice as an APRN that is current as of August 28, 2023. License renewals for APRN licenses and registered professional nurse licenses shall occur at the same time and failure to renew and maintain the registered professional nurse license or failure to provide evidence of an active required certification shall result in the expiration of the APRN license. This act further modifies the names of the specific certifying organizations for nursing specialties.

Under this act, the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts shall make information publicly available about which physicians and other health care providers have entered into collaborative practice arrangements.

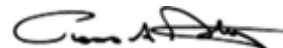
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Commerce and Insurance  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Public Safety  
Missouri Highway Patrol  
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the Secretary of State  
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