

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0781S.01I
Bill No.: SB 327
Subject: Compacts; Dentists; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Interstate Cooperation; Licenses - Miscellaneous; Medical Procedures and Personnel; Medical Procedures and Personnel; Professional Registration and Licensing
Type: Original
Date: March 10, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the dental and dental hygienist compact.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Dental Board Fund (0677)	\$0 or (\$3,000 - \$6,000)	\$0 or (\$3,000 - \$6,000)	\$0 or (\$3,000 - \$6,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0 or (\$3,000 - \$6,000)	\$0 or (\$3,000 - \$6,000)	\$0 or (\$3,000 - \$6,000)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- ☐ 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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 332.700 – Dental and Dental Hygienist Compact

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** state that there are now 10 states that have passed the compact language. They are estimating that it will take another 12 to 18 months for the compact to be enacted. Costs are still unknown at this time.

Oversight notes in response to similar legislation from 2023 (SB 70) (the Counseling Interstate Compact), DCI estimated a cost of \$3,000 - \$6,000 in annual fees to participate in the compact if the compact were to be enacted.

Therefore, **Oversight** will reflect the estimated fiscal impact as a range of \$0 (the compact is not enacted) to \$3,000 - \$6,000 (the compact is enacted) to the Dental Board Fund (0677).

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
DENTAL BOARD FUND (0677)			
<u>Cost – DCI</u>			
Dental and Dental Hygienist Compact Fees	<u>\$0 or (\$3,000-\$6,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (\$3,000-\$6,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (\$3,000-\$6,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE DENTAL BOARD FUND (0677)	<u>\$0 or (\$3,000-\$6,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (\$3,000-\$6,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (\$3,000-\$6,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Licensed Dentist and Dental Hygienist could have a direct fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the Missouri Dental Board can grant without an examination a certificate of registration and a license to a dentist or a dental hygienist who has been licensed in another state if the Board is satisfied that the applicant's qualifications are equivalent to or higher than requirements in Missouri.

A dentist must have been licensed for five consecutive years immediately preceding his or her application and a dental hygienist must have been licensed for two consecutive years immediately preceding his or her application. The Missouri Dental Board can by rule require the applicant to take any examination over Missouri laws that is given to dentists or dental hygienists in Missouri when he or she applies for licensure. If the applicant's licensure in any state was ever denied, revoked, or suspended for incompetency or inability to practice in a safe manner, the Dental Board can require that the applicant take a practical examination.

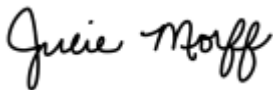
The Dental Board can also require the applicant take a practical examination if he or she has failed any practical examination given as a prerequisite to licensure as a dentist in any state. The bill repeals outdated license reciprocity language and replaces it with new language in accordance with Statute 324.009, RSMo. This bill also creates the "Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact". Dentists and dental hygienists licensed in a state that are participating in the Interstate Compact can practice in other participating states without additional requirements. The bill also enhances the ability of participating states to protect the public health and safety and cooperate in regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. The bill specifies the conditions for a state to join and continue as a participating state, such as enacting a compact that is not materially different from the model compact, implementing a criminal background check requirement, accepting certain examinations and accreditations, and paying a participation fee to the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact Commission.

The bill also defines the qualifications and obligations of a licensee who seeks to obtain and exercise a compact privilege in a remote state, such as having a qualifying license, meeting any jurisprudence requirement, reporting any adverse action, and complying with the scope of practice of the remote state.

The bill establishes the "Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact Commission", composed of one commissioner from each participating state, to administer and enforce the Compact. The Commission will have the power to adopt rules and bylaws, maintain a data system, charge fees, conduct investigations, take disciplinary actions, issue subpoenas, and initiate legal proceedings. The bill also outlines the procedures and standards for the Commission's meetings, financial review, executive board, and annual report.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Commerce and Insurance
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