

45:1-15.7 & 45:1-15.8 LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2017 **CHAPTER:** 298

NJSA: 45:1-15.7 & 45:1-15.8 (Requires professional boards to provide for online processing of application for licensure or renewal.)

BILL NO: S2205 (Substituted for A1133)

SPONSOR(S) Van Drew and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 5/16/2016

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Regulated Professions
SENATE: Commerce
Budget & Appropriations

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 1/8/2018
SENATE: 1/5/2018

DATE OF APPROVAL: 1/16/2018

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted) Yes

S2205

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No
SENATE: Yes Commerce
Budget & Appropriations

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, **may possibly** be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A1133

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes Regulated Professions
Appropriations
SENATE: No

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:

No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:

Yes 6/10/2016
1/10/2018

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No

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C.45:1-15.7 &
45:1-15.8
§3 - Note

P.L. 2017, CHAPTER 298, *approved January 16, 2018*
Senate, No. 2205 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses and
2 supplementing P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. Each professional or occupational board designated in
8 section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), shall provide on its Internet
9 website a secure process to allow applicants to complete online any
10 application documents, including any fee payments, required to
11 obtain an initial license, certificate of registration, or certification,
12 or renewal of an existing license, certificate of registration, or
13 certification, as the case may be, and to submit electronically all
14 necessary documentation for review and approval of that board.
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16 2. Each professional or occupational board designated in
17 section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), pursuant to the provisions
18 of the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
19 1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
20 implement this act.
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22 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the ¹**[12th]**
23 36th¹ month next following enactment, but each board may take
24 such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall
25 be necessary for the implementation of this act.
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30 Requires professional boards to provide for online processing of
31 application for licensure or renewal.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted December 14, 2017.

SENATE, No. 2205

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 16, 2016

Sponsored by:

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Requires professional boards to provide for online processing of application for licensure or renewal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/6/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses and
2 supplementing P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.).
3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
6

7 1. Each professional or occupational board designated in
8 section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), shall provide on its Internet
9 website a secure process to allow applicants to complete online any
10 application documents, including any fee payments, required to
11 obtain an initial license, certificate of registration, or certification,
12 or renewal of an existing license, certificate of registration, or
13 certification, as the case may be, and to submit electronically all
14 necessary documentation for review and approval of that board.
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16 2. Each professional or occupational board designated in
17 section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), pursuant to the provisions
18 of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
19 1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
20 implement this act.
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22 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 12th month
23 next following enactment, but each board may take such
24 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be
25 necessary for the implementation of this act.
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28 STATEMENT
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30 This bill stipulates that each professional or occupational board
31 designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) shall provide
32 on its Internet website a secure process to allow applicants to
33 complete online any application documents including any fee
34 payments, required to obtain an initial license, certificate of
35 registration, or certification, or renewal of an existing license,
36 certificate of registration, or certification, as the case may be, and to
37 submit electronically all necessary documentation for review and
38 approval of the board.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2205

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2205.

This bill stipulates that each professional or occupational board designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) shall provide on its Internet website a secure process to allow applicants to complete online any application documents, including any fee payments, required to obtain an initial license, certificate of registration, or certification, or renewal of an existing license, certificate of registration, or certification, as the case may be, and to submit electronically all necessary documentation for review and approval of the board.

Furthermore, it is the committee's sentiment that the online process created under the bill should be user-friendly.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2205

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 18, 2017

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2205 with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, requires each of the 85 professional or occupational boards designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) provide on its Internet website a secure process to allow applicants to complete online applications for initial licensure, certification or registration and renewals, including any fee payments. The secure websites are to be available by the first day of the 36th month next following enactment. The bill provides that applicants be able to submit electronically all necessary documentation for review and approval of the board.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments change the effective from date from the first day of the 12th month next following enactment to the first day of the 36th month next following enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill may potentially increase the State's one-time capital cost of building the capability to receive and process professional license applications and renewals online, but only if the bill accelerates or expands an ongoing initiative to create the online application processing capability. If the legislation is consistent with the current initiative, it will have no fiscal impact.

The Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety is currently contracting with a vendor for the development and implementation of a system that will allow the many professional boards to receive and process professional license applications and renewals online. At present, the majority of professional licenses, 79 out of 85, may already be renewed online. Due to a variety of circumstances, however, completion by the vendor of the online system for the acceptance and processing of applications for initial professional licenses is taking longer than originally anticipated. Reviewing the division's website, it appears that the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air

Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) Contractors; one of the boards overseeing the largest number of professional licensees; currently offers initial online registration. For eight other professional licenses, applicants may now also submit the initial applications online.

The OLS is uncertain how the proposed legislation will affect the ongoing initiative to build the online application processing capability, if at all.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1133

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman SHAVONDA E. SUMTER

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblywoman BETTYLOU DECROCE

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Assemblywoman NANCY J. PINKIN

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblywoman GAIL PHOEBUS

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Assemblyman PARKER SPACE

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Assemblyman PAUL D. MORIARTY

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywomen Jimenez, Muoio, Assemblymen Ciattarelli, S.Kean and Singleton

SYNOPSIS

Requires professional boards to provide for online processing of application for licensure or renewal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/13/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses and
2 supplementing P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.).

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. Each professional or occupational board designated in section
8 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), shall provide on its Internet
9 website a secure process to allow applicants to complete online any
10 application documents, including any fee payments, required to
11 obtain an initial license, certificate of registration, or certification,
12 or renewal of an existing license, certificate of registration, or
13 certification, as the case may be, and to submit electronically all
14 necessary documentation for review and approval of that board.

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16 2. Each professional or occupational board designated in section
17 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), pursuant to the provisions of the
18 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
19 seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
20 implement this act.

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22 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 12th month
23 next following enactment, but each board may take such
24 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be
25 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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31 designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) shall provide
32 on its Internet website a secure process to allow applicants to
33 complete online any application documents including any fee
34 payments, required to obtain an initial license, certificate of
35 registration, or certification, or renewal of an existing license,
36 certificate of registration, or certification, as the case may be, and to
37 submit electronically all necessary documentation for review and
38 approval of the board.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1133

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 2, 2016

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1133.

This bill stipulates that each professional or occupational board designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) must provide on its Internet website a secure process to allow applicants to complete online any application documents, including any fee payments, required to obtain an initial license, certificate of registration, or certification, or renewal of an existing license, certificate of registration, or certification, as the case may be, and to submit electronically all necessary documentation for review and approval of the board.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 1133
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 10, 2016

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires professional boards to provide for online processing of application for licensure or renewal.

Type of Impact: Potential One-Time Cost Increase to State General Fund, if any.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety; Division of Consumer Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>
Potential One-Time State Cost Increase	Indeterminate, If Any – See comments below

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill may potentially increase the State’s one-time capital cost of building the capability to receive and process professional license applications and renewals online, but only if the bill accelerates or expands an ongoing initiative to create the online application processing capability. If the legislation is consistent with the current initiative, it will have no fiscal impact.
- The Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety is currently contracting with a vendor for the development and implementation of a system that will allow the many professional boards to receive and process professional license applications and renewals online. At present, the majority of professional boards already accept license renewals online. However, the completion of the online system for the acceptance and processing of applications for initial professional licenses is taking longer than originally anticipated. The OLS is uncertain how the proposed legislation will affect the current initiative, if at all.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1133 of 2016 requires each professional or occupational board designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) to provide on its Internet website a secure process to allow applicants to complete online applications for initial licensure or license renewal, including any fee payments, by the first day of the 12th month next following enactment.



This bill applies to the following boards and all professions or occupations regulated by, through or with the advice of those boards: the New Jersey State Board of Accountancy; the New Jersey State Board of Architects; the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling; the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors; the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry; the State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey; the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners; the State Board of Medical Examiners; the New Jersey Board of Nursing; the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists; the State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians; the Board of Pharmacy; the State Board of Professional Planners; the State Board of Psychological Examiners; the State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers; the State Board of Court Reporting; the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; the State Board of Respiratory Care; the State Real Estate Appraiser Board; the State Board of Social Work Examiners; the State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors; the Elevator, Escalator, and Moving Walkway Mechanics Licensing Board; the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; the State Board of Polysomnography; the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee; the New Jersey Cemetery Board; the Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners; the Occupational Therapy Advisory Council; the Electrologists Advisory Committee; the Acupuncture Advisory Committee; the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee; the Athletic Training Advisory Committee; the Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee; the Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm, and Locksmith Advisory Committee; the Home Inspection Advisory Committee; the Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee; the Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee; the Perfusionists Advisory Committee; the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee; the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee; the New Jersey Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy; the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee and any other entity created under Title 45 to license or otherwise regulate a profession or occupation.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the bill may potentially increase the State's one-time capital cost of building the capability to receive and process professional license applications and renewals online, but only if the bill accelerates or expands an ongoing initiative to create the online application processing capability. If the legislation is consistent with the current initiative, it will have no fiscal impact.

The Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety is currently contracting with a vendor for the development and implementation of a system that will allow the many professional boards to receive and process professional license applications and renewals online. At present, the majority of professional licenses, 79 out of 85, may already be renewed online. Due to a variety of circumstances, however, completion by the vendor of the online system for the acceptance and processing of applications for initial professional licenses is

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The OLS is uncertain how the proposed legislation will affect the ongoing initiative to build the online application processing capability, if at all.

Law and Public Safety

Section:

Analyst: Kristin Brunner Santos
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Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1133

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 10, 2018

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires professional boards to provide for online processing of application for licensure or renewal.
- Type of Impact:** Potential One-Time Cost Increase to State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety; Division of Consumer Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>
Potential One-Time State Cost Increase	Indeterminate – See comments below

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill may potentially increase the State's one-time cost of building the capability to receive and process professional license applications and renewals online, but only if the bill accelerates or expands an ongoing initiative to create the online application processing capability. If the legislation is consistent with the current initiative, it will have no fiscal impact.
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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires each of the 46 professional or occupational boards designated in N.J.S.A.45:1-15 to provide on its Internet website a secure process to allow applicants to complete online applications for initial licensure, certificates of registration, certifications, and renewals, including any fee payments. The secure websites are to be available by the first day of the 36th month next following enactment.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the bill may potentially increase the State's one-time cost of building the capability to receive and process professional license applications and renewals online, but only if the bill accelerates or expands an ongoing initiative to create the online application processing capability. If the legislation is consistent with the current initiative, it will have no fiscal impact.

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Section: *Law and Public Safety*

Analyst: *Kristin Brunner Santos*
 Senior Fiscal Analyst

Approved: *Frank W. Haines III*
 Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).