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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB197 by Solomons (Relating to the provision of certain documentation before a person may engage in a licensed occupation; providing a criminal penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

The total fiscal impact to the state from this bill is indeterminate due to varying state requirements for licensure.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

The bill would add a chapter to the Occupations Code to only authorize a person to work under a license issued by a department, commission, board, office, or other agency of the state that issues a license after the person has provided documentation that they are a United States citizen or lawfully present and authorized to engage in work under the license.

The bill would apply to individuals who apply for the issuance or renewal of a license that is filed with a licensing authority on or after March 1, 2012.

This analysis assumes that a state agency that issues licenses will incur costs to implement the licensing requirements that would be created by adding Section 60.003 to the Occupations Code as a result of increased administrative functions, programming costs, or the need for additional full-time equivalents. Some licensing agencies noted a revenue loss may be incurred as a result of fewer international and out of state applicants for State of Texas licenses. Other agencies report this provision could be implemented within existing resources but the processing time for licenses would increase or fees would be raised to cover additional costs. Some agencies would find it difficult to implement some provisions of the bill due to the national registration standards that they are required to utilize.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 312 Securities Board, 329 Real Estate Commission, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 454 Department of Insurance, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 476 Racing Commission, 481 Board of Professional Geoscientists, 503 Texas Medical Board, 507 Texas Board of Nursing, 508 Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 515 Board of Pharmacy, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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