

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 6, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2197** by Springer (Relating to fingerprinting requirements for occupational licenses.),  
**As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2197, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

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

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from Appropriated Receipts 666</b>
2016	(\$4,795,230)
2017	(\$4,795,230)
2018	(\$4,795,230)
2019	(\$4,795,230)
2020	(\$4,795,230)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to fingerprinting requirements for occupational licenses. The bill would prohibit a state agency that issues a license from requiring the applicant to submit fingerprints for any type of license, certificate, registration, permit or other form of authorization required by law or state agency rule that must be obtained by a person to

engage in a particular business.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2015.

### **Methodology**

In fiscal year 2014 the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) processed 319,682 fingerprint based criminal history checks. DPS collects \$15 for each of these fingerprint based checks. The agency estimates a revenue loss of \$4,795,230 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year.

Based on information provided by the Department of Licensing and Regulation, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

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