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TO: Honorable Four Price, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2765 by Clardy (Relating to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; authorizing fees.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact and authorizing fees. The Compact would allow physical therapists and physical therapy assistants in states that belong to the Compact to provide physical therapy services in other Compact states without obtaining a separate license. Compact states could charge a fee for granting compact privilege to a licensee in another Compact state.

The Compact would establish a Physical Therapy Compact Commission to implement and administer the compact provisions, determine fees for compact privileges, and levy an annual assessment from each party state to fund its operations.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy requires ten states to adopt the Compact in order for the Compact to become operational; there are currently nine states that have done so.

Based on analysis provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) and the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (ECPTOTE), both the Compact's effect on the influx and efflux of practitioners in the state and fees associated with compact privilege are currently unknown. As such, the CPA reports that a revenue impact to General Revenue cannot be determined. ECPTOTE estimates that it would incur an annual Compact membership fee of \$3,000 to \$5,000, along with additional processing costs that could result from a change in licensee population.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 533 Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners

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