

Legislative Analysis



TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR HEALTH CODE LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION

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House Bill 6494 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Julie Calley
Committee: Government Operations
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 6494 would amend the Public Health Code to temporarily suspend certain conditions for licensure, registration, or renewal of a license or registration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These provisions would be repealed 120 days after taking effect.

Specifically, the bill would direct the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to waive the completion of continuing education requirements as a condition for renewal of the license or registration of a physician, registered professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, pharmacist, respiratory therapist, or respiratory care practitioner.

The bill would also waive either of the following as a condition of licensure, registration, or license or registration renewal:

- Examinations that were not administered because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Fingerprinting, if the director of LARA determines that places to have fingerprints taken are substantially unavailable due to pandemic-related closures.

Proposed MCL 333.16113a and 333.16113b

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 6494 would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or any other unit of state or local government. The bill would have the short-term effect of potentially decreasing activities like fingerprinting and examination administration (each fingerprint-based criminal history background check costs approximately \$42: \$30 state-level for the Michigan State Police check, and \$12 federal-level for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) check). However, given that provisions of the bill would be repealed, it would have no long-term fiscal impact.

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