BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB2894
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Impact: No substantial impact on state budget or revenues

Research Analysis

The Proposed Committee Substitute for HB 2894 requires all licensing authorities of the state and of any political subdivision to revise licensing requirements so that they explicitly list which criminal records that would disqualify an applicant. The measure further specifies that a licensing authority may only list criminal records that are specific and directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2894 in its current form requires licensing authorities to revise and provide clarity related to criminal records which disqualify applicants. The measure also authorizes individuals to petition such authorities to determine the individuals standing as an applicant. The measure authorizes licensing authorities to charge a fee for such petitions.

The measure modifies how licensing authorities are to interpret current requirements related to moral turpitude and criminal records. Though the measure requires a different interpretation than what is currently implemented, the measure is unlikely to mandate significant additional effort when processing applications. The fee authorized by the measure should allow authorities to recover costs associated with determining standing through the petition process. HB 2894 has no substantial impact on the state budget or state revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.

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