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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3088	Introduced on January 12, 2021
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<b>Requestor:</b>	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

The expenditure and revenue impact on Other Funds is undetermined because the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR) is unable to determine the number of new licenses that will be issued. The revenue impact on the General Fund is undetermined because the increase in expenditures to the Board of Dentistry is unknown.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 12, 2021**

##### **State Expenditure**

The Board of Dentistry currently requires a dentist to obtain a specialty license for any special area of dentistry recognized by the American Dental Association before the dentist may hold himself out to the public as a specialist. This bill will include dental specialties recognized by the American Board of Dental Specialties (ABDS) among those for which a dentist must obtain a specialty license. The board, under the administration of LLR, currently licenses 677 specialists under seven different dental specialties.

Upon application for a specialty license, the board must administer an examination. If no examination for the requested specialty currently exists, the board will be required to develop one. In addition, the board will need to hire an examiner to administer the examination, which will result in expenditures of \$250 per exam plus mileage reimbursement at the rate of 58 cents per mile. The number of additional dentists required to obtain a specialty license pursuant to this bill is unknown, as are the travel requirements for examiners. Therefore, the expenditure impact of this bill is undetermined. However, LLR is authorized to adjust licensure fees biennially to ensure that revenue is sufficient to cover these expenses.

##### **State Revenue**

The fee charged for a dental specialty license is currently \$300. The board cannot anticipate the additional number of dentists that will be required to obtain a specialty license pursuant to this bill. Therefore, the revenue generated by the application fee is undetermined.

In addition, the Board of Dentistry falls under the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing. Pursuant to Proviso 81.3 of the FY 2020-21 Appropriations Act, LLR is required to

remit annually to the General Fund an amount equal to 10 percent of expenditures. The total increase in expenditures is unknown. Therefore, the total revenue increase to the General Fund is undetermined.

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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