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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7153**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1255

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 24, 2022

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Health Matters.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Barrett

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill amends the definitions of "practitioner", for purposes of the health professions and professional standards of practice laws, to include individuals who held a license, certificate, registration, or permit when the alleged violation of the standard of practice occurred. It also makes technical corrections and conforming changes to certain health related laws.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2022.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill could result in additional workload for the Attorney General's (AG) Office and Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) to the extent these entities investigate and hold hearings for practitioners who may have committed sanctionable offenses but no longer hold valid Indiana licenses. Conducting disciplinary proceedings against practitioners is within the AG and PLA's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** If licensing boards for health occupations take disciplinary actions against practitioners who no longer hold active Indiana licenses as enabled by the bill, these sanctions could result in a minor increase in General Fund revenue from fines. Health professions licensing boards may impose a fine of up to \$1,000 per sanctionable offense on practitioners, to be deposited in the General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Attorney General's Office; Professional Licensing Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** IC 25-1-9.

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