

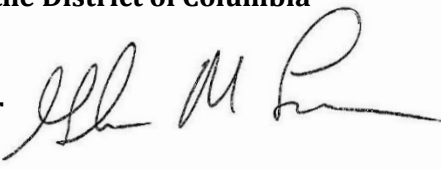
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: September 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Health Professional Licensing Boards
Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023

REFERENCE: Bill 25-312, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 6, 2023

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Currently all professional members serving on a Health Professional Licensing Board (HPLB), such as the Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, and Board of Dentistry, must be District residents. This requirement limits the pool of professionals that are eligible to serve on HPLBs. The majority of health professionals licensed to practice in the District reside outside of the District which makes vacancies difficult to fill.

The bill changes¹ residency requirements for HPLBs by requiring that at least 50 percent of professional members on each HPLB be District residents. Professional members must be licensed for the health occupation regulated by the board or advisory committee on which they sit and must be engaged in the practice of that health occupation in the District for at least three years preceding their appointment. The bill also requires that members who are not District residents be engaged in the practice of the health occupation regulated by the board or advisory committee on which they sit; have a physical practice or be employed physically in the District for at least 20 hours per week;

¹ By amending Section 401 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1204.01).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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and demonstrate that their practice in the District is not primarily through telehealth. The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) must verify, on an annual basis, the statutory qualifications of the appointed members of a board or advisory committee.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There is no cost to changing residency requirements for HPLB members. MOTA already verifies the qualifications of appointed members of a board or advisory committee. No additional resources are required to implement the bill.