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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill makes changes to the operational procedures of the Board of Accountancy, as well as licensing requirements for accountants. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) indicates that any increase in expenditures due to this bill would be managed within existing resources. Therefore, this bill will have no fiscal impact on LLR or its regulatory boards.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill makes changes to the operational procedures of the Board of Accountancy, which is under the regulation of LLR. This bill provides that board meetings may be closed in certain instances pursuant to federal law and makes other provisions for the confidentiality of board meetings and hearings. In addition, this bill amends the definition of compilation and the disclaimer requirements for compiled financial statements. Concerning requirements for licensure, this bill removes the requirement that certain tests must be computer based. These changes do not materially alter the responsibilities of the board. LLR indicates that any increase in expenditures due to these changes would be minimal and would be managed within existing resources.

Section 7 of this bill allows the board to issue a license to an individual who is licensed by another state and has been professionally engaged in the practice of accounting for four of the ten years preceding the application. This requirement is currently stipulated in regulations concerning licensure reciprocity for accountants. Therefore, this section of the bill will have no expenditure impact on the board.

Section 4 of this bill clarifies the continuing education requirements for owners of an accounting firm that are not licensed accountants. These requirements are currently mandated in regulation. Therefore, this section of the bill will have no expenditure impact on the board.

State Revenue

Section 7 of this bill allows the board to issue a license to an individual who is licensed by another state and has been professionally engaged in the practice of accounting for four of the ten years preceding the application. Because this requirement is currently stipulated in regulations concerning licensure reciprocity for accountants, this change will not increase the number of

licenses issued by the board. Therefore, this section of the bill will have no revenue impact on the board.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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