

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 183

2022 Regular Session

Fred Mills

June 5, 2022

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 183 by Senator Fred Mills, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of House Committee Amendments by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#4697) be adopted.
2. That the set of House Floor Amendments by Representative Stefanski (#4829) be rejected.
3. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In House Committee Amendment No. 1 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#4697), on page 1, line 3, after "**system, the**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In House Committee Amendment No. 2 by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (#4697), on page 1, line 7, after "**system, the**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 3, after "require" delete "boards, commissions, and agencies" and insert "state entities"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 11, after "**Each**" delete "**board, commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 14, after "**If a**" delete "**board, commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 15, after "**which the**" delete "**board, commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, at the end of line 16, delete "**board,**" and on line 17, delete "**commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, at the end of line 2, delete "**board,**" and on line 3, delete "**commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, at the end of line 8, delete "**board,**" and on line 9, delete "**commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, line 13, after "**by the**" delete "**board, commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 15, after "**Each**" delete "**board, commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"D. For the purposes of this Section, "state entity" means any department, office, division, commission, council, board, bureau, or other regulatory agency of state government."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 2, line 23, after "**Each**" delete "**board, commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 2, line 26, after "**If a**" delete "**board, commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 2, line 27, after "**which the**" delete "**board, commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 2, at the end of line 28, delete "**board,**" and on line 29, delete "**commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 3, at the end of line 2, delete "**board,**" and on line 3, delete "**commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 3, at the end of line 8, delete "**board,**" and on line 9, delete "**commission, or agency**" and insert "**state entity**"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 3, line 13, after "by the" delete "board, commission, or agency" and insert "state entity"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 3, line 15, after "Each" delete "board, commission, or agency" and insert "state entity"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 3, after line 18, add the following:

"D. For the purposes of this Section, "state entity" means any department, office, division, commission, council, board, bureau, or other regulatory agency of state government."

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Rick Ward III

Representative John M. Stefanski

Senator Fred H. Mills Jr.

Representative Royce Duplessis

Senator John C. "Jay" Morris III

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Provides relative to transparency in the application process for any state-issued license or permit. (8/1/22)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Require a state entity that uses a nationwide licensing or registry system to post a website link to the nationwide licensing or registry application and a reasonable estimate of time line for application approval.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Change references from "board, commission, or agency" to "board, commission, or like entity".

Report amends the bill to:

1. Change references from "board, commission, or agency" to "state entity".
2. Define "state agency".

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law requires each state entity in the executive branch or state entity governed by present law provisions of Title 37, Professions and Occupations, that issues a permit or license to post all of the following on its website:

- (1) Detailed instructions regarding the information needed to complete the application process.
- (2) Contact information for the individual within the state entity responsible for responding to inquiries about the application process.
- (3) Information regarding the anticipated timeline for review of an application.
- (4) The report prepared for the oversight committee or subcommittee pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that if a state entity uses a nationwide licensing or registry system, the state entity shall post a website link to the nationwide licensing or registry application and a reasonable estimate of time line for application approval.

Proposed law requires each state entity to annually submit to its respective legislative oversight committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permits and licenses applied for, number of permits or licenses issued, and the timelines for approval of an application.

Proposed law requires each state entity to post the required information and report on the website of the department of which it is a part if the entity does not have a website.

Proposed law defines "state agency" as any department, office, division, commission, council, board, bureau, or other regulatory agency of state government.

(Adds R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308)