

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24055

This bill updates the Patient Freedom of Information Act, also referred to as IDACARE. IDACARE was enacted in 1998 to create a publicly accessible database of information regarding specified licensed or registered health care professionals. At the time IDACARE was created, many regulatory boards did not have comprehensive publicly searchable websites. Since regulatory boards now have information about licensees available on their websites, this bill would eliminate the requirement for a separately maintained website. The bill also requires health related regulatory boards to make certain information about licensees available on their website. This change will ultimately relieve the burden on health care professionals of reporting information in two different places and relieve the burden on the State of maintaining a separate database and website for IDACARE. It will also ensure the public has access to certain information by requiring boards make it available on their websites.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be approximately \$1,700 dollars in annual savings to the Department of Administration, a general fund agency, and over \$12,000 in annual savings to the Boards' dedicated funds due to elimination of the duplication of effort to support the IDACARE website. There also will be no need to redevelop the current IDACARE database and website, which is an estimated one-time cost of \$30,000 to the Department of Administration.

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