



Senator Andrew O. Brenner – 19th District
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Senate Bill 314 – Sponsor Testimony

Chairman Schuring, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member O'Brien, and members of the Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee, thank you for hearing sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 314.

Senate Bill 314 is a very straightforward bill. Due to the incredible financial burden that COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdowns, quarantines, and curfews, have placed on businesses and individuals, this bill aims to reduce a portion of that financial burden by reducing licensure fees. Currently, when a professional license holder, who owns a business, tries to move said business, he or she must pay state agencies various licensure fees as part of the relocation process. With so many businesses, moving, downsizing, and going virtual in order to stay afloat, Senate Bill 314 waives fees related to the relocation. According to the LSC analysis, "A professional license includes all licenses issued under the occupations and professions laws and licenses issued by the Department of Commerce." The waiver applies during the period beginning on the bill's effective date and ending six months after the date the state of emergency declared under Executive Order 2020-01D issued on March 9, 2020, ends.

This bill is about easing the financial burden that so many of our constituents are facing in light of COVID-19. To continue to provide support to those who have had their livelihoods threatened during this uncertain time, I thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 314. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I would be happy to answer any questions you have at this time.