

Legislative Analysis



FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS

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House Bill 4959 (H-1) as adopted
Sponsor: Rep. Kathy Schmaltz
Committee: Families and Veterans
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4959 would amend the State License Fee act to provide that the fees for a person licensed or seeking licensure as a professional guardian or professional conservator under Article 14A of the Occupational Code are as follows:

- Initial application fee, \$250.
- Licensee renewal fee, \$100.

The bill cannot take effect unless House Bill 4728 is also enacted. That bill would add Article 14A to the Occupational Code to provide for the licensure of professional guardians and professional conservators.¹

Proposed MCL 38.2238b

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 4959 and 4728 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The bills would require LARA to create a new license category for guardians and conservators and assess a \$250 initial license fee and \$100 renewal fee; the licenses would have to be renewed every three years. LARA estimates that approximately 300 licenses would be issued, which would result in initial revenue of about \$75,000 and annual revenue of about \$10,000.

LARA would also experience increased costs associated with enforcing the licensing requirements under this bill. The department indicated that an additional 3.0 FTEs would be required at an annual cost of approximately \$556,900. Additionally, LARA estimates at least \$60,000 in one-time costs to update the licensing software to accommodate the new license type. The bill would also require LARA to maintain a database of professional guardians and conservators, which LARA estimates will require a one-time cost of about \$560,600. LARA may collect a \$100 one-time fee from professional guardian and conservator employers to access the system, though an estimate of the expected revenue is unavailable.

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¹ <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2025-2026/billanalysis/House/pdf/2025-HLA-4727-104XCGLD.pdf>