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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

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*Check all that apply:*

**Bill Number:** HB 574

Original  Correction

Amendment  Substitute

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**Number:**

**Short Title:** PROVIDING IMMIGRATION  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected

<b>Total</b>						
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(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

##### Synopsis:

HB 475 amends the Unfair Practices Act by amending the definition of “unfair or deceptive trade practice” to include immigration consultations or services without holding a license to practice law or without being under the supervision of a licensed attorney, including holding oneself out as a "notario" or "notario publico.”

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Under existing law, a person who uses the term "notario" or "notario publico" who is not a licensed attorney is guilty of a misdemeanor for each violation and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or both.

Under the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, the State Ethics Commission “may revoke, suspend or impose a condition on a notarial officer for any act or omission that demonstrates that the individual lacks the honesty, integrity, competence or reliability to act as a notarial officer.”

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo.

#### **AMENDMENTS**