



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2025 Session

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Locksmith Licensing Act Modernization.
Bill Number: House Bill 829 (First Edition)
Sponsor(s): Rep. Schietzelt, Rep. Winslow, and Rep. Chesser

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.829, V.1

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>	<u>FY 2028-29</u>	<u>FY 2029-30</u>
State Impact					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund Impact	-	-	-	-	-
NET STATE IMPACT	-	-	-	-	-

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

House Bill 829, Locksmith Licensing Act Modernization, amends various sections of G.S. Chapter 74F, Locksmith Licensing Act (Act). The North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board (Board) is supported by the receipts it collects, so changes to its fees do not impact the State's General Fund.

The bill creates a new requirement for locksmith service providers to obtain business licenses from the Board. A new annual fee of up to \$100 is established for business licensure.

The bill also provides an option for licensed apprentice locksmiths to renew their apprenticeship for an additional three-year term. The apprenticeship license fee is set at a maximum of \$300, but is currently charged at \$200.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

North Carolina law currently requires people to be licensed or to be directly supervised by a licensed locksmith when performing locksmith services. H.B. 829 creates a requirement for locksmith service providers to obtain additional licensure as a locksmith business from the Board. The bill sets out who in the business must be licensed by the Board as a locksmith, depending on the structure of the organization. The licensee must be actively engaged in the operation of the business. An annual fee of up to \$100 is established.

Currently, the Board charges for licensure and renewal for three-year periods. Most of the fees collected are lower than the stated maximums established in the Act. For example, the fee for



issuance of a license for a locksmith may be up to \$300, but is currently charged at \$200. The Board also collects a fee of \$38 for background checks, which it remits to the State Board of Investigation.

The bill provides an option for apprentices to renew their apprenticeship license. Currently apprentices have one three-year term to practice under a supervising licensed locksmith. H.B. 829 allows for an additional three-year term. The fee for a locksmith apprenticeship license may be up to \$300 but is currently charged at \$200. The bill adds a requirement for locksmith apprentices to complete 16 hours of Board-approved technical locksmith training. No fee or cost is specified related to the new training requirement.

The Board's activities, per diem and subsistence compensation, and administrative cost needs are receipt-supported through licensure fees. There is no General Fund impact to the State.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

NORTH CAROLINA LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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