

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 661 (Senators Hollinger and Collins)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Environmental Matters

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Nursing Assistants - Certification

This enrolled bill provides that nursing assistants must be regulated in order to practice in the State beginning January 1, 2000. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) must establish an advisory committee to make recommendations relating to (1) the education and training requirements for nursing assistants who practice in the State; (2) the clinical and administrative procedures for the regulation of nursing assistants; and (3) a plan for the mobility of nursing assistants between various practice settings. DHMH must present a proposal for regulating nursing assistants in the State to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee by January 1, 1998.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources. The actual cost of regulating nursing assistants, beginning January 1, 2000, would depend on the recommendations of the advisory committee.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Fiscal Services

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