

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 405 (Chairman, Finance Committee)
(Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)

Finance

Hospitals and Related Institutions - Standards and Inspections

This departmental bill reduces the inspection requirements for nursing homes, domiciliary care homes, and non-accredited hospitals. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) must make at least one unannounced inspection each year of nursing homes and domiciliary care homes and one inspection every two years of licensed non-accredited hospitals. The bill also specifies the conditions under which a non-accredited hospital is subject to inspection. Under current law DHMH must conduct at least two unannounced inspections a year for nursing homes and domiciliary care homes and periodically inspect licensed non-accredited hospitals.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Expenditures will not decrease since DHMH intends to reassign staff resources to other licensure/inspection functions.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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