

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 581 (Delegate Nathan-Pulliam. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Nurses - Safe Nursing Practices

This bill expands the grounds under which the Board of Nursing may discipline a licensee. The board may discipline: (1) a licensee who performs an act that is beyond the licensee's knowledge and skills; (2) a supervising nurse who directs a nurse to perform an act that is beyond the nurse's knowledge and skills; or (3) a supervising nurse who directs a nurse to delegate a nursing task to another individual when that nurse believes the individual lacks the knowledge and skills to perform the task or the patient's condition does not allow delegation of the task. In addition, the bill extends the prohibitions set forth in items two and three above to other individuals. Any licensed or certified health care provider who violates the above provisions may be disciplined by the appropriate health occupation board.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies existing procedures for the nursing board. The bill's impact is small enough for the other health occupation boards that it could be absorbed within their respective budgets.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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