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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 194 (Senator Haines, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Partial-Birth Abortions - Prohibition

This bill prohibits the performance of partial-birth abortions unless necessary to save the life of the mother. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction subject to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. The bill authorizes an alleged violator to seek a hearing before the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (BPQA) concerning whether the life of the mother was endangered and authorizes a court to delay trial for up to 30 days to allow the hearing to take place. It specifies the parties who can seek relief through civil action against a person who performs a partial-birth abortion.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any additional BPQA hearings could be handled with existing budgeted resources. The criminal penalty provision of this bill is not expected to significantly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The criminal penalty provision of this bill is not expected to significantly affect local finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Community and Public Health Administration, Medical Care Programs Administration, Board of Physician Quality Assurance), Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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