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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 724 (Senator Dorman)

Finance

Health Resources Planning Commission - Certificate of Need - Obstetric Medical Services - Prince George's County

This bill excludes a new obstetric medical service established in Prince George's County on or after October 1, 1999 from certificate of need (CON) requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Because it is assumed that this bill applies to a limited number of cases, State finances would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: A CON is the primary method for implementing the State Health Plan and is generally required for capital expenditures, additions, or modifications to existing facilities or services, and for new services. The basis for approval of a CON is need, as determined in the State Health Plan.

Small Business Effect: New obstetric service providers could be favorably affected by the CON exemption and existing obstetric service providers could be adversely affected. Most ambulatory care facilities are single-specialty, physician-owned, and considered small businesses.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Resources Planning Commission), Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

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