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House Bill 69 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)

Environmental Matters

Assisted Living Programs - Licensure and Inspections

This departmental bill alters the term of licensure for an assisted living program from one year to two years. It requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to conduct at least one annual unannounced inspection of an assisted living program.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Moderate decrease in general fund expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

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). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment as discussed below. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: None. The license fee will be doubled because it will be collected every two years instead of annually. Although the total amount of fee revenue will remain the same, DHMH would only realize fee revenues in every other year, unless license renewals are staggered.

State Expenditures: DHMH would experience a moderate reduction in administrative costs

related to processing license applications. There would be no effect on inspection expenditures because the bill codifies current regulations regarding inspections.

Small Business Effect: Altering the term of licensure for an assisted living program from one year to two years would favorably affect the administrative burden on small assisted living providers. There are approximately 4,000 assisted living programs, of which approximately 2,800 have 15 or fewer residents.

Information Source(s): Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Licensing and Certification Administration), Department of Human Resources, Department of Aging, Department of Legislative Services

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