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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1207 (Delegate Frush)

Environmental Matters

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Hospitals or Related Institutions - Staff - Licensed Certified Social  
Workers-Clinical

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This bill requires hospitals and related institutions providing services of the type certified social workers-clinical are authorized to perform to include in their bylaws, rules, or regulations provisions for use of facilities by admitting, and staff privileges for, licensed, certified social workers-clinical. A hospital or related institution may restrict use of the facility and staff privileges to those clinical social workers who meet the qualifications that the hospital or related institution sets for granting those privileges. The bill does not require that a facility grant admitting privileges to a clinical social worker.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. Clinical social workers in an independent practice would be favorably affected.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Hospitals and related institutions can provide or restrict privileges concerning the services that licensed podiatrists, qualified dentists, and licensed psychologists are authorized to perform. The facility must include in its bylaws, rules, or regulations provisions for the use of facilities by, and staff privileges for, qualified licensed podiatrists, qualified dentists, and licensed psychologists. Certified social workers-clinical

are not listed among those professionals who could be permitted to practice in a hospital setting.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation was introduced as SB 528/HB 282 in the 1999 session. SB 528 passed the Senate with amendments but was not reported from the Environmental Matters Committee. HB 282 received an unfavorable report from the Environmental Matters Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Boards and Commissions, Office of Health Care Quality), Department of Aging, Department of Legislative Services

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