

**Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 684                      (Senator Dorman)  
Finance

**Health Care Practitioners - Single Source Credentials Verification**

This bill requires the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC), in consultation with interested and affected parties, to study the feasibility of the development of a single State system for credentials verification of all health care practitioners authorized to provide health care services in the State. As part of the study, MHCC must include findings and recommendations for legislation to implement a single State credentials verification system. MHCC must report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee by December 1, 2001.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2001 and sunsets December 31, 2001.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** One-time MHCC special fund expenditure increase of \$150,000 in FY 2002. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	150,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$150,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** None applicable.

**State Fiscal Effect:** MHCC special fund expenditures could increase by \$150,000 in fiscal 2002, which reflects the bill's June 1, 2001 effective date. This estimate reflects the one-time cost of contracting an outside vendor to conduct the study.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 725 (Delegate Klausmeier) – Environmental Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Maryland Health Care Commission, Office of Health Care Quality), Department of Legislative Services

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