



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1351

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### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Amends the Vital Statistics Law allowing certified registered nurse practitioners to sign a death certificate. Effective date is in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** Current law allows physicians, dentists (under certain circumstances) and coroners to sign death certificates. This legislation would expand that authority to certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNPs). CRNPs are registered nurses with advanced education and clinical experience who can provide primary care to include diagnosis/ treatment of acute and chronic illnesses and can prescribe medications; and who can pronounce death but are not authorized to sign a death certificate

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Adoption of this legislation would have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The legislation would expedite the process particularly when other medical professionals are not readily available.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*