



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 574

PRINTERS NO. 1521 PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Health Care Facilities Act adding a definition for abortion facility and providing for licensure of abortion facilities. Effective date is in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would provide a definition for an 'abortion facility' and include abortion facility under the definition of 'health care facility'; would require the Department of Health to apply the same fire and safety standards, personnel and equipment requirements and quality assurance procedures to abortion facilities that are applied to freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities; would establish a new \$250 licensure application or licensure renewal fee for an abortion facility; and would require that the abortion facility is in compliance with the requirements of the Abortion Control Act (Chapter 32 of Title 18) for licensure. The legislation also repeals the definition of abortion facility from the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act to the extent that it excludes abortion facilities not subject to licensure under this legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the department, there are currently 22 registered free-standing abortion facilities operating in the state. Enactment of this legislation would result in additional state costs of \$816,000: \$719,000 for salaries/ benefits for 9 health care quality examiners and 1 clerk typist and \$107,000 for associated operating and fixed asset costs. The Governor's FY2001-12 budget increases the Department of Health's Quality Assurance state appropriation from \$17.177million in FY2010-11 to \$19.973million for FY2011-12. A portion of the increase is due to merging the separate FY10-11 Health Care Associated Infections state appropriation into the Quality Assurance appropriation for FY11-12 and the remaining increase is to continue the department's quality assurance programs (licensing, inspections, investigation of complaints). This estimate assumes that the proposed appropriation level is sufficient to absorb the cost for the additional personnel, operating and fixed assets that would be required to implement the provisions of this legislation.

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