



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1603

PRINTERS NO. 2636

PRIME SPONSOR: Christiana

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1603, Printer's Number 2636, amends the Medical Practice Act to codify existing Department of Health regulations governing the administration of anesthesia. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds a new section which specifies that anesthesia care in a hospital may be provided by any of the following: an anesthesiologist; a qualified physician; a physician enrolled in a residency program in anesthesia or oral surgery; a dentist anesthetist; a nurse anesthetist authorized by the State Board of Nursing to provide anesthesia care and who is under the supervision of either an anesthesiologist or the operating physician; or a supervised student nurse trainee enrolled in a course approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

The legislation also specifies that this new section shall not affect existing Department of Health regulations relating to dental anesthetist and nurse anesthetist qualifications nor authorize the State Board of Medicine to regulate nurse anesthetists.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: November 19, 2013

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