

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1525

PRINTER'S NO. 3714

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 6, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Ellis

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to CONSUMER AFFAIRS, June 6, 2011

Reported as committed, June 22, 2011

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In the Senate

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First consideration, March 27, 2012

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 9, 2012

Re-reported as amended, June 11, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1525 provides for an exception to the requirement that a health club must have an employee trained and certified to administer CPR present during the club's hours of operation.

For health clubs providing non-staffed hours prior to the effective date of the bill, it specifies requirements for the portion of the premises in which members are permitted during non-staffed hours, including maximum square footage, accessibility, equipment, signage, a panic button, a 911 phone, and at least four personal security devices. It requires new members and persons renewing memberships to be instructed on the use of the health club during non-staffed hours. New and renewal contracts must contain certain waiver provisions related to the non-staffed operations of the club.

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For health clubs which begin providing non-staffed hours after the effective date of the bill, the club must notify existing members of the intent and the hours of operation when the club will not be staffed and obtain a signed waiver from each, as well as instructions on the use of the club during non-staffed hours.

The bill defines "911 telephone," "appropriate signage," "automated external defibrillator," "emergency services," "nonstaffed hours," "panic button," "personal security device," "public safety answering point," and "remote monitoring station."

The act takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of the Attorney General does not anticipate any additional costs to be incurred as a result of implementing the provisions of the bill.