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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4327 As amended by House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs on March 22, 2016
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Subject: Quality Hospice Programs Act
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Stein
Impact Date: April 12, 2016

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$83,343	\$61,528
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	1.10	0.85
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	Undetermined	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill is expected to increase Other Funds expenditures by \$83,343 in FY 2016-17 and by \$61,528 each year thereafter. This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. The increase in Other Fund fee revenue for program administration is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Explanation of Amendment by the House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs Subcommittee on March 22, 2016

State Expenditure

This bill amends Chapter 71, Title 44 relating to the licensing of hospice facilities. The bill requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to revise their process for licensing hospices and registering multiple locations. The amendment requires DHEC to publish a list of all licensed hospices, multiple locations, and the geographic areas they serve on their website upon approval of this bill by the Governor. The amendment authorizes DHEC to inspect facilities on a rotational basis rather than every facility each year. The published listing of licensed hospices and the counties they serve is required upon approval of the Governor. All other provisions of this bill take effect twenty-four months after approval by the Governor.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control estimates that this program would require the involvement of an inspector, nurse manager and program coordinator to register and inspect an additional 139 hospice locations. Annual operating costs are estimated at \$61,528 including

salaries and fringes for 1.10 FTE positions and operating expenses. In addition, one-time expenditures of \$21,815 in the first year of the program would be needed for a program developer. Any fee revenue collected would be used to offset the expenditures.

State Revenue

This bill will increase Other Funds revenue for fees imposed by DHEC for administration of this program. The total amount of fee revenue collected will depend upon the amount of the fee, which DHEC has not determined.

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Explanation of H. 4327 Filed June 3, 2015

State Expenditure

This bill amends Chapter 71, Title 44 relating to the licensing of hospice facilities. The bill adds definitions and requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control to register and inspect multiple locations of licensed hospices throughout the state. The bill provides guidelines for license and registration applicants and authorizes the department to establish reasonable fees to administer the program.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) estimates that this program would require the involvement of an inspector, nurse manager and program coordinator to register and annually inspect an additional 139 hospice locations. Annual operating costs are estimated at \$109,721 including salaries and fringes for 1.07 FTE positions and operating expenses in FY 2016-17. All fee revenues collected would be used to offset the expenditures.

State Revenue

This bill will increase Other Funds revenue for fees imposed by DHEC for administration of this program. The total amount of fee revenue collected will depend upon the amount of the fee, which DHEC has not determined.

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A



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