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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3821 Introduced on January 31, 2019
Author: Clary
Subject: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Act
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
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Impact Date: February 13, 2019

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) because it does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the agency or its boards.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) because the agency will administer policies resulting from the bill with the use of existing staff and resources.

This bill may increase Other Funds revenue for DHEC because it increases the number of providers subject to an existing penalty. However, the agency has never had to impose this penalty; therefore, this bill is not expected to increase revenue.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

Labor, Licensing and Regulation. This bill adds to the list of medical acts that may be performed by an APRN. APRNs are licensed by the Board of Nursing, which is under the regulation of LLR. LLR indicates that this bill does not add to the regulatory duties of the board. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. This bill includes APRNs among those authorized to sign death certificates. Death certificates are filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics, which is under the regulation of DHEC. DHEC indicates that any necessary training or outreach to APRNs can be managed within current appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC.

State Revenue

Department of Health and Environmental Control. This bill allows APRNs to certify the cause of death. DHEC currently has the authority to impose a fine on physicians for failure to certify the cause of death in a timely manner. This bill allows DHEC to impose the same penalty on APRNs. The penalty amounts are set at \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 for the first, second, and third or subsequent violations respectively. Any penalties collected must be allocated to the Bureau of Vital Statistics. DHEC indicates that it has not charged any administrative penalties to

date for this infraction. Therefore, while DHEC is not able to predict the number of violations due to this bill, this bill is not expected to have any revenue impact on DHEC.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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