

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 843 (Senate Finance Committee Substitute) Nurses Aides II Registry Fees

**SHORT TITLE:** Nurses Aides II Registry Fees

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Weinstein, et al.

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 1999-00</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2000-01</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Bd. Operating Fund	\$73,500	\$73,500	\$73,500	\$73,500	\$73,500
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	To be determined by Board of Nursing				
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> North Carolina Board of Nursing					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> The act is effective when it becomes law.					

**BILL SUMMARY:**

The act increases the annual fee from \$5 to \$12 for a Nurse Aide II to be listed on the Nurse Aid Registry with the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

**BACKGROUND:**

The 1989 Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) mandated the creation of a Nurse Aide Registry in every state. In North Carolina, the Division of Facility Services in the Department of Health and Human Services list the Nurse Aide I and the North Carolina Board of Nursing list the Nurse Aide II. To be listed on the Nurse Aide Registry, a Nurse Aide I must have 75 hours of training and a Nurse Aide II must have an additional 160 hours of training. Both Nurse Aides I and II must be under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

The Board of Nursing anticipates 10,500 new and renewed Nurse Aid II registrants each year. The current \$5 fee, unchanged since 1989, generates approximately \$52,500 each year. The

proposed \$12 fee will generate \$126,000 each year. **The net revenue increase to the Board's operating fund is \$73,500 each year.**

The Board of Nursing requests the increase because expenses for the Nurse Aide II Registry exceed the revenues. A cost analysis for fiscal year 1998 found the Nurse Aide Registry expenditures equal to \$117,506, but Registry revenues equal to \$66,865. The \$50,641 deficit in this program for 1998 was covered from RN and LPN licensure fees. With the passage of SB 843, the revenues from the Nurse Aide II Registry of \$126,000 will pay the expenses of \$117,506 with a remaining surplus of \$8,494. The Board of Nursing had a fund balance of \$650,852 on June 30, 1998.

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