

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999 Session

- ORIGINAL
- CORRECTED
- UPDATED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # -1223/2

INTRODUCTION # SB 195

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Fees for Health Care Records

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect *See Fiscal Note Text.*

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation
- Decrease Existing Appropriation
- Create New Appropriation
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

- 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
- Towns
 - Villages
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Others _____
 - School Districts
 - WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR
- FED
- PRO
- PRS
- SEG
- SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

This bill limits the amount of fees that a health care provider may charge for supplying certified duplicate patient health care records. The Department is required to specify the amount of the fees in administrative rule. The bill further provides that a health care provider can collect only 25% of the fees charged if the copy of the record requested is not provided within 30 days of the request.

The Department is sometimes required to provide health care records relating to the regulation of nursing homes and hospitals. If the Department is unable to meet the 30 day deadline, this would result in a limitation on the fee that can be charged for copying by DHFS. It is not possible to estimate what amount this would be.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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