

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 05-4193/1	Introduction Number SB-477	Estimate Type Original
Description Licensing midwives, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill establishes requirements for the licensure by the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) of midwives who are not licensed nurses, prohibits a person who is not a licensed midwife or licensed nurse-midwife from using a title that represents or implies that he or she is a midwife, and requires DRL to promulgate rules necessary to administer the regulation of midwives. The bill also specifies what DRL cannot include in those rules. A person who violates the provisions of this bill is subject to a \$250 fine, three months imprisonment or both.

The Department cannot project the number of individuals who will violate the provisions of this bill. Since the maximum term of imprisonment is limited to three months, an offender convicted of this offense could be incarcerated in a county jail and not a state prison. If an offender is placed on probation, the department could experience additional costs associated with community supervision. In FY05 the department expended an average of \$2,031 per offender to provide community supervision for one year.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications