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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1820

DATE PREPARED: Jan 18, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Licensure of respiratory care professionals.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a respiratory care practitioner to be licensed. (Current law requires certification.) This bill permits an individual who is not a licensed, registered, or certified health care professional to perform respiratory care procedures after passage of an examination. The bill also permits an individual who is not a licensed or certified health care professional to deliver, set up, calibrate, and demonstrate the operation of respiratory care equipment if certain conditions are met. The proposal also specifies certain continuing education courses that must be accepted.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Health Professions Bureau oversees the state regulation of respiratory care practitioners. The Bureau could experience additional administrative expenses as a result of the proposal; however, the Bureau will probably be able to absorb the additional expenses given its current budget.

The proposal also provides that the Medical Licensing Board may through the Attorney General apply in a circuit or superior court to enjoin a person from practicing respiratory care in violation of the law. This provision may increase administrative expenses to both state entities; however, the overall impact is not expected to be significant.

Explanation of State Revenues: The proposal may affect the number of applications and the amount of license fees that the Bureau collects. The specific impact, however, is indeterminable. License fees are deposited in the State General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau and the Office of the Attorney General.

Local Agencies Affected: Circuit and Superior Courts.

Information Sources: