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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8186**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1894**

**DATE PREPARED: Jan 21, 1999**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Health facility penalties.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:  GENERAL  
 DEDICATED  
 FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill increases the penalties for violations of statutes or administrative rules governing health facilities.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill increases the fines the Commissioner of the State Department of Health (SDOH) may impose for certain violations committed by health facilities. The SDOH cited 64 out of 600 health care facilities in the last fiscal year and collected approximately \$50,000 in fines. These fines are deposited in the state General Fund. It is not known if the increase in fines will increase or reduce the number of violations committed by health facilities.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Norma Selby, SDOH, 233-7673.