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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7382

BILL NUMBER: SB 526

DATE PREPARED: Jan 14, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Health facility remedies for breaches of certain laws.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill removes a provision concerning repeat deficiencies by a health facility in a 15 month period. The bill increases the amount of fines that the Commissioner of the State Department of Health may impose for certain violations by health facilities. It specifies that the Commissioner may impose a penalty for each violation or repeat of a violation. The bill limits to 90 the total number of consecutive days that the Commissioner may suspend new admissions to a health facility.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: 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 Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

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