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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1875

DATE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Accessible Medical Facilities.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a facility in which a licensed physician provides obstetric or gynecological services to have at least one examination room that is equipped to allow a woman with disabilities access to the same health care services that are provided by the physician to women without disabilities. The bill provides that the equipment required includes an examination table that is capable of being elevated or lowered to a height that allows a woman with disabilities to access the table without any extraordinary effort or assistance.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Community Health Centers that receive funding assistance from the State General Fund and the Indiana Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund may be required to purchase equipment as a result of this bill. However, the extent of equipment purchases that would be necessary is currently unknown.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill may have a more significant fiscal impact on the local level at the source of the provision of services, rather than in the State's grant assistance role. Local health departments operating Maternal and Child Health Clinics, Community Health Centers, and county-owned hospitals may be required to purchase equipment as a result of this bill. The number of clinics, hospitals, outpatient surgical facilities, and private medical offices that would need to purchase new examination tables to comply with this bill is unknown. Funding sources for these entities include Federal, State, and local tax dollars, as well as insurance payments and private fees. As with the state, the accessibility issue raised by this bill may ultimately prove to be covered under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act which would require the equipment expenditure, as well.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local health departments operating Maternal and Child Health clinics, county - owned hospitals and outpatient facilities, Community Health Centers.

Information Sources: