

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB 967

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Potts**3. Committee** Education and Health**4. Title** Licensure of home health organizations; exemptions

- 5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill would revise the current exemption from home care organization licensure for any natural person, acting alone, who is licensed pursuant to Title 54.1. This provision exempts from such licensure any person who provides services in the home to a patient or individual on an individual basis if such person is licensed to provide the relevant services by a health regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions.

**6. Fiscal impact estimate is tentative****6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	(\$18,000)	(0.4)	NGF
	(\$27,000)	(1.6)	GF
2002-03	(\$18,000)	(0.4)	NGF
	(\$77,000)	(1.6)	GF

**6b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	(\$18,000)	(0.4)	NGF
	(\$77,000)	(1.6)	GF
2002-03	(\$18,000)	(0.4)	NGF
	(\$77,000)	(1.6)	GF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

- 8. Fiscal implications:** This bill appears to exempt “any person” from home care licensing requirements if the person is licensed to provide the relevant services by a health regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions. However, the term “any person” could legally be interpreted to mean any organization or group, to include rehabilitation agencies and home care organizations. Under this legislation, approximately 146 licensed home care organizations and rehabilitation agencies would conceivably no longer be required to obtain a home care license from the Virginia Department of Health. Therefore the Department of Health would need to reduce its associated

expenditures and positions in the home care licensing program. The program has an annual budget of \$77,000 GF and \$18,000 NGF (licensing fees collected from home care providers) and requires the dedication of two classified employees. The projected reduction in general fund expenditures in the first year is reduced by \$50,000 to allow for potential severance costs.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia Department of Health

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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