

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1883

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Robert G. Marshall

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Licensure of Abortion Clinics

5. **Summary/Purpose: Licensure of abortion clinics.** This legislation proposes to amend the Code of Virginia to require that all proposed abortion clinics, defined as any facility other than a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center, in which 25 or more first trimester abortions are performed in any 12-month period, be licensed on and after July 1, 2007, and to comply with the licensure requirements currently in place for ambulatory surgery centers.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are Preliminary:**

6a. **Expenditure Impact:**

	<i>Dollars</i>		
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>NGF</i>	<i>Positions</i>
2006-07	-	-	0.0
2007-08	-	\$35,359	.50
2008-09	-	\$34,359	.50
2009-10	-	\$34,359	.50
2010-11	-	\$34,359	.50
2011-12	-	\$34,359	.50

6b. **Revenue Impact:**

	<i>Dollars</i>		
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7. **Budget amendment necessary:**

Yes. Item 290. Health, Research, Planning and Coordination (40600)

- 8. Fiscal implications:** The proposed legislation requires all abortion clinics to be licensed and to comply with the requirements currently in place for ambulatory surgery centers effective June 30, 2007. HB1883 also requires the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to conduct onsite licensing inspections on a biennial basis and complaint investigations at abortion clinics. There are currently 20 known clinics and physicians offices providing abortion services in Virginia. It is estimated there would be an annual workload of 10 onsite inspections, complaint visits, as well as a significant workload related to responding to public inquiries and requests for information. Due to the amount of pre-inspection and post-inspection preparation time and statewide travel required, there would be a need for a .50 position in VDH to manage the new program. This estimate is based upon the fact that there are approximately 46 working weeks available per staff member, and it takes a full working week to complete an onsite ambulatory surgery center inspection and the related documentation. The cost of the program would be approximately \$34,359 annually, based on an average annual salary of \$50,000 for an inspector. The \$34,359 figure includes the salary and benefits (25% of salaries), as well as the equipment, communications, supplies, and travel costs for a .50 FTE. VDH also estimates the costs of promulgating the necessary regulations to be approximately \$1,000 in the first year of operation.

The legislation also provides authorization for VDH to charge such licensure fees as may be required to support the costs of the abortion clinic licensure and inspections program. With 20 known providers subject to such fees, and based on the above estimated costs of \$34,359, the annual licensing fee would need to be \$1,718.00 per provider to make the new program self-supporting.

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

- 10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

- 11. Other comments:** No.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources