

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB343

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Sherwood

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Board of Health; regulation of hospice programs.

5. Summary/Purpose: Board of Health; regulation of hospice programs. Requires the Board of Health to develop staffing regulations specific to entities that are concurrently licensed as a hospice and an assisted living facility. The regulations would require the presence on each shift of a licensed practical nurse rather than a registered nurse.

6. No fiscal impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill requires that the department promulgate staffing requirements for hospice facilities that would require a licensed practical nurse on each shift. The cost and workload associated with promulgating the regulation can be absorbed within the existing hospice program funding.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources