

**Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB 997

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Barker

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Photographs of abused, incapacitated adult

5. Summary: The substitute bill provides that in any case of suspected abuse of an incapacitated adult, photographs and X-rays of such incapacitated adult may be taken without the consent of the person responsible for the incapacitated adult (i) as a part of the medical evaluation or (ii) as a part of the investigation or assessment of the case by the local department of social services or the court. However, such photographs shall not be used in lieu of medical evaluation. Such photographs and X-rays may be introduced into evidence in any subsequent proceeding.

The substitute bill only makes a technical change from the introduced bill in that it uses a different code section number.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill has no fiscal impact on the state. It only deals with consent of the responsible party for an incapacitated adult regarding the taking of photographs and X-rays in cases where abuse is suspected.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local departments of social services and the courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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