

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1549

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: Wexton

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Performance of abortions; informed written consent.

5. Summary: Eliminates all the procedures and processes, including the performance of an ultrasound, required to effect a woman's informed written consent to the performance of an abortion; however, the bill does not change the requirement that a woman's informed written consent be first obtained. The bill reduces from two to one the number of consulting physicians who must certify that a third trimester abortion is necessary to prevent the woman's death or impairment of her mental or physical health and eliminates the need for such physicians to find that the woman's health would be substantially and irretrievably impaired. The bill removes language classifying facilities that perform five or more first trimester abortions per month as hospitals for the purpose of complying with regulations establishing minimum standards for hospitals.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.