

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB 1178

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

**2. Patron:** Sturtevant

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Health carriers; services provided by nurse practitioners

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation requires health insurers and health service plan providers whose policies or contracts cover services that may be legally performed by licensed nurse practitioners to provide equal coverage for such services when rendered by a licensed nurse practitioner.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Human Resource Management estimates that this bill would generate a nominal savings to the state health plan. Typically negotiated contract rates for nurse practitioners are not significantly different than those for physicians as services rendered have more weight on reimbursement than who is servicing them.

The Department for Medical Assistance Services indicates that all plans are currently in compliance with the provisions of this bill, therefore no fiscal impact is expected.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Medical Assistance Services  
Department of Human Resource Management

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to HB 1640.