

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB980

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

2. Patron: Herring

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Provision of abortion.

5. Summary: The bill expands who can perform first trimester abortions to include, in addition to physicians, physician's assistants licensed by the Board of Medicine, and nurse practitioners or certified nurse midwives jointly licensed by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing. The bill eliminates all the procedures and processes, including the performance of an ultrasound, required to effect a pregnant person's informed written consent to the performance of an abortion; however, the bill does not change the requirement that a pregnant person's informed written consent first be obtained. 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. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal, see item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have a revenue impact on the Commonwealth. 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. First trimester abortion facilities, classified as hospitals, currently have biennial inspection requirements with an annual licensing fee, which is deposited to fund 02601. The removal of this requirement creates a revenue loss of a \$75 licensure fee for each facility. Currently, 14 facilities pay this fee, which results in a total revenue loss of \$1,050 each year. It is assumed that the agency can absorb any reduction in licensing fee revenue. The workload attributed to these inspections is estimated to be half a position, however, there are additional licensure procedures for which this position can be repurposed. Therefore, this bill would not affect expenditures, as this work will be replaced by other licensure inspections.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes, line 75, after, "shall be lawful for", insert, "(i)".

11. Other Comments: SB733, introduced by Senator McClellan, is a companion bill.