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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB194 ER

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Bill Title: Electronic death reg. system; requiring certain applicants for licensure to complete training.

Bill Summary: Directs the Boards of Medicine and Nursing (the Boards) to amend their applications for licensure and license renewal for doctors of medicine, osteopathic medicine, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses to require applicants to indicate whether there is a reasonable expectation that the scope of practice of the applicant will include the signing of certificates of death. If such indication is affirmative, the Boards are directed to require the applicant to indicate that they have viewed the online tutorial on the Electronic Death Registry System webpage on the Department of Health website. The Boards are further required to promulgate new regulations implementing the provisions of this bill.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires the Boards of Medicine and Nursing (the Boards) to amend their applications for licensure and license renewal for certain professions regulated by each board to include a place for the applicant to indicate whether they reasonably expect that their scope of practice will include the signing of death certificates. For applicants answering in the affirmative, the Boards are required to provide a place for the applicant to confirm that they have viewed an online tutorial on the Electronic Death Registry System that is available on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) website.

The Department of Health Professions reports that any costs to amend select license and license renewal applications to include the fields required by the bill can be absorbed within existing appropriation. It is further expected that any impacts to the Boards to promulgate new regulations reflecting the provisions of this bill will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

VDH already maintains a tutorial for the Electronic Death Registry System on its website as outlined in the bill; accordingly, this bill is not expected to result in a fiscal impact for VDH.

Other: SB194 may be a companion to HB156.