

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 478

SHORT TITLE: Nursing Home Requirements/AB

SPONSOR(S): Senator Kerr

FISCAL IMPACT:	Expenditures:	Increase ()	Decrease ()
	Revenues:	Increase ()	Decrease (X)
	No Impact	(X)	
	No Estimate Available	()	

FUND AFFECTED: General Fund (X) Highway Fund () Local Govt. ()
Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY: The bill would prevent the Department of Human Resources (DHR) from assessing administrative penalties against nursing homes for the same violations for which the Federal government assesses a civil penalty against the homes. Federal civil penalties are not currently assessed, but would be assessed under new regulations that will take effect on July 1, 1995. Funds available from from current State administrative penalties are placed in a contingency fund which is used to cover the costs of the temporary management of improperly managed nursing homes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon ratification.

FISCAL IMPACT: DHR administrative penalty collections vary from year to year depending upon the number and severity of the violations penalized. The amounts collected in recent years have ranged from \$15,000 to \$52,000. While this revenue would cease to be available under the bill, funds from the Federal civil penalties will be available to States for facility regulation activities. As such, while there will be a loss to the General Fund, there should be no net effect on the funding available to DHR for facility regulation.

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