

SOURCES OF DATA: Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Resources that support the Board's operation are derived from licensure and registration fees. Since the board's fiscal calendar is November 1 to October 31, enactment of the legislation would occur mid-year in terms of operation. The name change would require revisions to stationary, license certificates, publications, the Board seal, titles on accounts, vehicle titles, and other items that identify the Board. According to the Board costs would impact resources dependent upon the date the name change becomes effective. Specifically, two possibilities exist:

1) If the name change were concurrent with the exhaustion of existing supplies at the end of the Board's fiscal year, the cost of replacement would be minimal. It is an accepted practice of the Board to revise stationary and certificates, each November with the appointment of new officers and members. Additionally, to comply with the legislation the Board could undertake revisions to titles and other items at that time.

2) If the name change were immediate, an estimated one-time cost of \$16,500 would be necessary to make changes mid-year. The estimate includes \$15,000 to replace printed items, and \$1,500 to make necessary changes to the seal, titles, and other items that identify the Board. The resources of the Board would be sufficient to support the one-time cost. No appropriation from the General Fund is required to allow the Board to make the conforming changes.

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