

# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### 2021 Session

# **Legislative Fiscal Note**

**Short Title:** The SAVE Act.

**Bill Number:** House Bill 277 (First Edition)

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. White, Rep. Adcock, Rep. Cunningham, and Rep. Wheatley

#### **SUMMARY TABLE**

# FISCAL IMPACT OF H277, V1.

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Impact					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures		<u>-</u> _		<u>-</u> _	<u>-</u>
<b>General Fund Impact</b>	No Fiscal Impact				
NET STATE IMPACT		N	lo Fiscal Impa	ct	

#### **FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State's budget.

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

The bill would modify Article 9A of Chapter 90 to prohibit a person from practicing as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) without a license issued by the North Carolina Board of Nursing (the Board), with specified exceptions. The bill also:

- 1. Defines APRN as an individual in the role of a nurse practitioner (NP), certified nurse midwife (CNM), clinical nurse specialist (CNS), or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA).
- 2. Defines the scope of practice for NPs, CNMs, CNSs, and CRNAs.
- 3. Charges the Board with administration of the licensing program and sets out fees the Board may charge.
- 4. Makes conforming statutory changes.
- 5. Requires the NC Board of Nursing, the NC Medical Board, and the NC State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt rules to implement the changes.

#### Licensure Fees

Section 6 of the bill sets out fees the Board may charge. Currently, an individual who is an APRN must hold a NC Registered Nurse license through the Board. The bill would establish a fee schedule for APRN licensure as follows:

License	Maximum Fee Authorized		
License Application	\$100		
License Renewal	\$100		
License Reinstatement	\$180		

#### **Impact on State Budget**

The Board's budget and spending occur outside the State treasury and budget. Thus, the collection of fees authorized in the bill and the administrative costs associated with the Board would not impact the State's budget.

#### **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A.

# **DATA SOURCES**

N/A

#### LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE - PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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