

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2013

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 488 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Amend Nursing Home Administrator Act/Fees.

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Tucker

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
(\$ in millions)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available					
State Impact	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Nursing Home Administrator Board

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 1 becomes effective January 2015; the remainder becomes effective when law.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**  
None

**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 488 does the following:

- Requires a four-year degree for licensure as a Nursing Home Administrator, or an associate's degree in nursing with a minimum of five years' experience as a director of nursing. The bill provides a grandfather clause for persons licensed on or before the effective date of Section 1 of the bill, January 1, 2015.
- Increases various licensure fees. The fee cap has not been changed since 2004.
- Provides that a criminal background check is required for initial licensure, and may be required for licensure renewal but not required.
- Makes other miscellaneous changes to the Nursing Home Administrator Act.

Source: Committee Counsel

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

S488 would increase the ceiling for several fees charged by the board. The ceiling represents a maximum fee that can be charged. The following fee ceilings are included in the bill:

- Fees for applicants for examination or for an administrator in training program go from \$100 to \$500. Persons seeking a reciprocity endorsement under 90-287 shall also pay a \$500 fee.
- Fees for licensure and licensure renewal (biennial) increase from \$500 to \$1,000.
- Fees for obtaining a duplicate license or a verification of license increase from \$25 to \$100.
- Fees for placement on the inactive list (on which a licensee may be placed for up to 4 years) increase from \$50 to \$200 for each year.
- Fees for a temporary license are increased from \$200 to \$500.
- Fees for conducting and administering initial training and continuing education increase from \$250 to \$1,000. Fees for certifying a course submitted for review by another individual or agency wishing to offer a course increases from \$100 to \$100/hour and fees for certifying a course provider, from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The Nursing Home Administrator Board has indicated it does not intend to raise fees to the ceiling, but would go through the rulemaking process to increase fees to a level adequate to meet current expenditure needs. Increases would likely become effective January 1, 2014 and generate a total of approximately \$45,000 annually.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Nursing Home Administrator Board

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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