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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
Title: Licensing Home Health Agencies and
Disclosure of Licensing Reports BRU: Medical Assistance Admin
Sponsor: Senate (HES) Component: Certification & Licensing
Requestor: Senate (HES) COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 245
See also (SN#): _____

Expenditures/Revenues: _____ (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGES IN REVENUES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (please specify)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY1999) cost: _____ \$0.0

POSITIONS:

	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Department supports this bill, both for the Disclosure of Licensing Reports and Licensing Home Health Agencies sections.

Section 1 - Disclosure of Licensing Reports (HOSPICE) - Analysis: The disclosure of licensing reports would affect all hospice organizations licensed by the Department under AS 18.18. It is in the interest of the public to have access to licensure reports to assist in making decisions about their health care needs. There is no FY2000 fiscal impact to this section of the bill.

Section 2 - Disclosure of Licensing Reports - Analysis: The disclosure of licensing reports would affect all health facilities licensed by the Department under AS 18.20. This would include hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory surgical centers and free standing birth centers. It is in the interest of the public to have access to licensure reports to assist in making decisions about their health care needs. There is no FY2000 fiscal impact to this section of the bill. **Section 3 - Home Health**

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ANALYSIS (cont.):

Agencies Analysis: The Department has, since the early 80s, licensed home health agencies. It was only recently that the Department of Law questioned the authority to do so. Currently the department has regulations (7 AAC 12.500-12.590) under the broad statutory authority of AS 18.05. for regulating home health agencies. This bill would provide unquestionable, clear and specific statutory authority to license and regulate the quality of care provided by these agencies. It is felt this bill is justified in order for the Department to have statutory authority for oversight of home health agencies to assure minimum standards in quality of care are being provided to clients. Because the Department is currently surveying home health agencies, there would be no increased funding necessary for this bill anticipated for FY2000. **Section 4 - Disclosure of Assisted Living Home Licensing Reports - Analysis:** The disclosure of licensing reports would affect all assisted living homes licensed by the Department under AS 47.33. We believe it is in the interest of the public to have access to licensure reports to assist in making decisions about their health care needs. There is no FY2000 fiscal impact to this section of the bill. **Section 5 - TRANSITION - Analysis:** This section establishes authority for each department affected by the bill to adopt regulations necessary to implement the act. Since regulations are currently used in licensure of home health agencies, revision would be minimal, requiring only to revise the regulations to include the authority. One or two sections will have to be added for the licensure of home health agencies. There is no FY2000 fiscal impact to this section of the bill. **Section 6 - REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION - Analysis:** This section provides instruction to the revisor. There is no FY2000 fiscal impact to this section of the bill. **Section 7 - EFFECTIVE DATE - Analysis:** This section establishes the effective date for the statute. There is no FY2000 fiscal impact to this section of the bill.