



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Session 2019

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Funeral Practice Licensure Tech. Corrections.
Bill Number: House Bill 554 (Fifth Edition)
Sponsor(s): Representatives Boles, Alexander, and Hunter

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B. 554, V.5 (\$ in millions)

| | <u>FY 2019-20</u> | <u>FY 2020-21</u> | <u>FY 2021-22</u> | <u>FY 2022-23</u> | <u>FY 2023-24</u> |
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| NC Board of Funeral Service Impact | | | | | |
| Board Revenue | - | - | - | - | - |
| Less Board Expenditures | - | - | - | - | - |

NET BOARD IMPACT

No Estimate Available - Refer to Fiscal Analysis section

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

House Bill 554 (Fifth Edition) would make a number of changes to the laws governing the licensure and practice of funeral services by the North Carolina Board of Funeral Service.

The bill establishes rules for obtaining and maintaining a provisional license for the practice of funeral directing. It creates a \$500.00 application fee to be licensed provisionally for the practice of funeral directing. It establishes that a provisional license shall expire on December 31st of each year and shall not be renewed more than two times. The bill establishes a \$250.00 annual renewal fee for a provisional license for the practice of funeral directing. It allows a provisional licensee to obtain a funeral director license, if within three years of first obtaining a provisional license, the provisional licensee meets specific criteria and is approved by the Board.

Also, the bill would make physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners who sign death certificates immune from civil liability, provided that they do not act with wanton conduct or intentional wrongdoing.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

House Bill 554 (Fifth Edition) creates a new provisional license for the practice of funeral directing. The bill provides a pathway to obtain a funeral director license via the provisional license.

The bill establishes two new fees that would be collected by the North Carolina Board of Funeral Service. The first is a \$500.00 application fee for those seeking to be licensed provisionally for the practice of funeral directing. The second is a \$250.00 annual renewal fee for a provisional license for the practice of funeral directing.

As both the provisional license and the fees associated with that license are new, there is no data to support an estimate of the number of individuals who would choose to pursue and maintain a provisional license. In addition, the North Carolina Board of Funeral Service has state that they do not believe there will be a significant number of individuals who choose to pursue a provisional license.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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