

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1254 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Respiratory Care Bd/Background Checks/Fees

SPONSOR(S): Senator Purcell

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	(\$)				
	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>	<u>FY 2006-07</u>	<u>FY 2007-08</u>	<u>FY 2008-09</u>
REVENUES					
General Fund					
<u>No General Fund Impact</u>					
Dept. of Justice/SBI	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600
EXPENDITURES					
Dept. of Justice/SBI	* See Assumptions and Methodology *				
POSITIONS: (cumulative)					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Justice, State Bureau of Investigation					
EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law					

BILL SUMMARY: The legislation authorizes the Department of Justice to provide criminal record checks to the Respiratory Care Board for applicants for licensure. The Department is also authorized to charge a fee for conducting the service.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The Department of Justice provides criminal background checks for non-criminal justice agencies at a charge of \$14 per state check and \$38 per state/national check. These funds are used to partially support the operations of the Identification Section of the State Bureau of Investigation, which conducts the background checks.

According to Respiratory Care Board, there are approximately 200 applications per year for licensure. Multiplying this by the current state and federal background check charge of \$38 suggests a revenue gain for the Department of Justice of approximately \$7,600. Of this amount, \$22 per background check - \$4,400 per year – will be remitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national background checks. While the additional background checks will result

in additional costs for the Department, the 200 applications are not expected to require additional positions.

SOURCES OF DATA: Respiratory Care Board, State Bureau of Investigation

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