



150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 91
SPONSOR: Representative Bentz
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITALS.

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:

This Act updates the definition of a hospital as used in 16 Del. C.c. 10, as well as increases the fee assessed during the licensure process for both initial and annual renewals. Under this Act, additional fees will be imposed upon the submission of plans by a hospital to construct or renovate current facilities, determined by the square footage of the facility. Failure to complete the plan review process and receive approval prior to the construction or renovation will result in a penalty assessment.

Affected Entities:

Affected entities include the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Health Care Quality (DHCQ), all licensed hospital facilities, pending licensure hospital facilities and any future licensed hospital facilities in the State of Delaware.

Fiscal Impact:

According to data collected by DHSS, DHCQ, there are currently fifteen hospitals licensed with the Office of Health Facilities Licensing and Certification with a total of 3,273 licensed, inpatient beds.

Nonrefundable fees associated with the application of an initial license for a period of one year for a new hospital will be assessed at \$1,000 plus \$2 per licensed inpatient bed and an additional \$500 for each emergency department not located on the main campus.

Annual renewals require a payment of \$750 plus \$2 per licensed inpatient bed and an additional \$500 for each emergency department not located on the main campus. In addition, fees will be imposed, based on square footage, for any hospital wishing to construct or renovate facilities.

The anticipated fee collection for Fiscal Year 2020 and subsequent years includes fifteen hospitals with two off-site emergency departments and a total of 3,273 licensed, inpatient beds.

The estimated fee collection totals to renew annual licenses for the current, fifteen hospitals are:

Fiscal Year 2020: \$18,796

Fiscal Year 2021: \$18,796

Fiscal Year 2022: \$18,796

Intended Use of Revenue:

Money collected will be used by the Department of Health and Social Services for administrative expenses and/or to carry out enforcement.

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