151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 364**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Heffernan**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AND DEAF-BLIND.**

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

Description of the Legislation:

This Act provides a registration system for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, ensuring only qualified individuals and organizations provide interpreting services in the State.

Affected Entities:

Delaware Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DelODHH) within the Department of Labor's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Fiscal Impact:

Revenues generated by registration fees would not be received until one year after this Act is signed into law. The fee for State registration or renewal of an existing State registration is $100 and the fee for provisional registration or renewal of an existing provisional registration is $50. Fiscal estimates of revenues generated by these fees assume that there are approximately 50-75 registered interpreters in the State. The civil violation penalties of $1,000-$10,000 imposed by this Act are indeterminable and not factored into this estimate.

Fiscal Year 2023:	No Fees Collected
Fiscal Year 2024:	Approximately $5,000-$7,500
Fiscal Year 2025:	Assume no significant collection of fees until biennial renewals in FY26

Intended Use of Revenue:

Revenues generated are intended to support the administrative costs of the DelODHH, including personnel and other employment costs.

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