152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 204**
SPONSOR:	**Representative K. Johnson**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEMPORARY STAFFING AGENCIES SERVING LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.**

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

Description of the Legislation:

This Act grants authority to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Health Care Quality (DHCQ), to adopt regulations, oversee, and monitor the operation of temporary staffing agencies providing temporary nurses and other staff positions in long-term care facilities.

This Act will allow the Division to assess a reasonable registration fee payable by the temporary staffing agencies. Temporary staffing agencies will be required to register with the Division prior to providing staff in long-term care facilities. Total collections of the registration fee may not exceed the cost to the Division to administer the responsibilities under this Act.

Affected Entities:

This Act would affect the DHSS, DHCQ, and all temporary staffing agencies registered with the division and providing temporary nursing and ancillary staffing in long-term care facilities.

Fiscal Impact:

A number of states, including Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Oregon have passed similar legislation. Registration rates for these states range from an annual assessment of $500.00 to $2,035.00. For the purpose of this estimate, it is assumed registration would be at a minimum $500.00 per year payable to DHCQ.

According to the Delaware Health Care Facilities Association, there are an estimated 65 temporary staffing agencies utilized by long-term care facilities in Delaware.

With these estimates, an anticipated $32,500 may be collected annually.

Intended Use of Revenue:

The revenue generated from the registration fee will be used by DHCQ to cover the costs associated with the regulation, oversight, and monitoring of this Act.

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