152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 195**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Pinkney**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE MEDICAL ORDERS FOR SCOPE OF TREATMENT ACT.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature of the Governor.

2. This Act will improve the utilization of Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (DMOST) forms by healthcare practitioners, healthcare providers, emergency care providers, and patients and their families by creating a DMOST Program at the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS).

3. This Act also establishes an 11-member DMOST Steering Committee, chaired by the President of the Delaware Quality of Life Coalition, to be responsible for supporting implementation and providing annual reporting data on the DMOST program.

4. The DHSS, Office of the Secretary, will be responsible for staffing the DMOST Steering Committee and acting as liaison with the National Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Coalition. As such, the Office of the Secretary anticipates the need for a 1.0 FTE, Management Analyst III position to coordinate ongoing education and training efforts, and the collaboration of multiple DHSS Divisions. Additionally, this position will oversee the maintenance of a new website and will be responsible for working with the Delaware Health Information Network to maintain an electronic registry.
    a. Personnel costs associated with this position, including other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 32.25%, are estimated at $89,087 annually.

5. Additionally, per the DHSS, Office of the Secretary, $50,000 in annual contractual funding will be required to support the DMOST program to allow for a consultant to be responsible for providing educational materials and outreach including raising awareness of palliative and hospice care.

6. Personnel costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025:	$139,087
Fiscal Year 2026:	$140,869
Fiscal Year 2027:	$142,651

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