152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 215**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Mantzavinos**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE INSPECTIONS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act amends Title 16 of the Delaware Code relating to state inspections of long-term care facilities by requiring the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to conduct inspections of these facilities on an annual basis.

3. The DHSS' Division of Health Care Quality (DHCQ) will be responsible for facilitating the completion of annual surveys for an identified 83 long-term care facilities (federally and or state-licensed). This Act assumes a transition from a 16-month survey cadence schedule to a 12-month cadence; adjusting for the shortened timeframe, an additional 21 surveys will need to be conducted each year.

4. The DHCQ currently contracts with a third-party vendor to maintain inspections compliance with the federally regulated cadence. This Act would require DHCQ to expand the contractual services expense to include the additional workload. Surveys of long-term care facilities currently cost $36,500 per survey. Leveraging of federal funds may not be available to offset the total cost of the surveys, either due to ineligibility or the increased frequency of the survey schedule.

5. Costs for the completion of surveys are assumed to increase at a rate of 3% in the out years.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025:	$766,500
Fiscal Year 2026:	$789,495
Fiscal Year 2027:	$813,180

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