153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 475**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Minor-Brown**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE NURSING ADVANCEMENT FUND.**

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

Description of the Legislation:
This Act establishes the Delaware Nursing Advancement Fund (the "Fund") to provide funding to the issuance of a single annual grant to the Delaware Nurses Workforce Institute or similar nonprofit that will maintain information and conduct studies about the nursing workforce, advance the profession of nursing, monitor trends in the nursing applicant pool, facilitate partnerships, educate the public about opportunities and careers in nursing, and distribute information about the nursing workforce.

Affected Entities:
Department of State, Division of Professional Regulation (the "DPR" or the "Division")

Fiscal Impact:
Beginning on January 1, 2027, this Act imposes an additional $10 surcharge on all initial and renewed licenses for practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses, and any other licenses issued under Chapter 19, Title 24 of the Delaware Code will be credited to the Fund. In addition, beginning on January 1, 2027, all disciplinary fines imposed by the Board of Nursing will also be credited to the Fund.

The DPR estimates that the total disbursement from the Fund over two years from the $10 surcharge may be an estimated $283,590. The Division uses two years as licenses under this Chapter are generally renewed on a two-year licensure cycle. Licensed Practical Nurse licenses generally renew in even years, and Registered Nurse licenses generally renew in odd years. For purposes of this fee impact statement, it is assumed that this total amount may be split evenly each full fiscal year once this Act is fully in effect. The actual revenue collected may vary year to year depending on the number of licensees' renewals.

Revenue from disciplinary fines is difficult to predict, as it is generated from violations that are indeterminable. Therefore, this revenue has not been included in this fee impact statement.

Fiscal Year 2027: $70,898 *(6 months in effect)*
Fiscal Year 2028: $141,795
Fiscal Year 2029: $141,795

Intended Use of Revenue:
Revenue generated from the $10 surcharge and disciplinary fees after January 1, 2027 will be credited to the Fund and used to support the issuance of a single annual grant to the Delaware Nurses Workforce Institute or similar nonprofit that will maintain information and conduct studies about the nursing workforce, advance the profession of nursing, monitor trends in the nursing applicant pool, facilitate partnerships, educate the public about opportunities and careers in nursing, and distribute information about the nursing workforce.

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