

Fiscal Note

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HF52 - 0 - Pregnant Patient Designated Support Person

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| State Fiscal Impact | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Expenditures | | X |
| Fee/Departmental Earnings | | X |
| Tax Revenue | | X |
| Information Technology | | X |
| Local Fiscal Impact | | X |

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

| State Cost (Savings) | Biennium | | | Biennium | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| | Dollars in Thousands | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Biennial Total | | | - | | | - |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium | | | Biennium | | |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| | | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - |

LBO Analyst's Comment

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

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*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

| State Cost (Savings) = 1-2 | | Biennium | | | Biennium | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------------|---|
| Dollars in Thousands | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Biennial Total | | | - | | | - |
| 1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out* | | | | | | |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Biennial Total | | | - | | | - |
| 2 - Revenues, Transfers In* | | | | | | |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Biennial Total | | | - | | | - |

Bill Description

This bill adds a new subdivision under the Health Care Bill of Rights to require health care providers and facilities to allow at least one designated support person to be present with a pregnant patient while the patient is receiving health care services. A “designated support person” is defined as any person providing comfort to the patient but does not include a certified doula or midwife.

Assumptions

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) will need to amend their licensing application to include an attestation that licensees are complying with this provision. Amending the licensing application will create no fiscal burden for MDH.

Additionally, it is assumed that MDH will receive a minimal number of complaints from the public or pregnant patients. MDH has processes in place to investigate complaints and since this type of complaint has no impact on quality of care, the bill will not significantly increase the effort or cost of investigating these complaints.

This bill only affects providers that do delivery of babies. There are approximately 200 providers that will be affected by this bill.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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