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 Secretary of State

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings	X	
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
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Biennial Total			71			103

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Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

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Bill Description

The bill establishes licensure for and regulation of anesthesiologist assistants (“AAs”) and creates an Advisory Council model under the Board of Medical Practice (“Board”).

Assumptions

Expenditures:

The Board assumes that a part time employee would be required to create and administer the licensed AA license. The Board anticipates this position will review applications and issue licenses, manage the renewal process, oversee the work of the Advisory Council, and present to organization. Responsibilities related to complaint resolution will be completed by current Board complaint review unit staff.

The Board anticipates the employee will start in early FY27. The Board anticipates it is possible to issue licenses in the latter half of FY27. The Board would need to have the advisory council members in place to advise on the licensing process. The employee will create the licensure program, including developing applications and forms, working with database developers, assisting the Advisory Council, and training staff.

With new staff, the Board assumes there will be initial workstation and equipment costs for this position.

The Board would also incur one-time expenditures for MN.IT and outside vendors to create a new database module for the AA license. The expenditures are based on 280 hours of contractor development time at a rate of \$175 per hour. The Board anticipates most of the database module build-out to occur in FY27, but there will be additional build out expenditures related to processing applicants moving from provisional licensure to full licensure. The expenditures include the following:

- Costs associated with establishing a new “license basis” within the Board’s database (140 hours).
- Costs associated with website modifications to reflect the AA provisional and full license and to ensure accurate information for the public (40 hours).
- Costs associated with creating the capacity to track details related to AA license holders including, collaborative agreement monitoring and compliance and complaint management (80 hours).

Costs associated with processing an application from a provisional AA license holder for a full license in Minnesota once the provisional license holder meets all requirements for full licensure (20 hours).

The Board assumes that the Advisory Council will meet monthly in FY27 and FY28 to undergo onboarding and training and to advise the Board on application materials and other issues related to the practice of AAs. After the Board starts to issue licenses, the Board anticipates that the Advisory Council will move to quarterly meetings in FY29. The Board is required to pay per diem to Advisory Council members. Per diem is \$55 per meeting. The Board currently hosts its advisory council meetings virtually.

The issuance of a new license will result in complaints filed that the Board must review, investigate and resolve. The Board is statutorily required to use the Attorney General’s Office as legal counsel on complaint-related matters. Those legal costs are billed to the Board. The Board rate of complaints received is 5 percent, i.e., the Board receives approximately 2000 complaints for 40,000 licensees. Based on the anticipated number of AA licensees, the Board would expect 5 complaints in FY28 and 8 (rounded up from 7.5) complaints in FY29. The Board anticipates that each complaint will require 10 hours of AGO attorney time (rate is \$178 per hour) and 5 hours of legal assistant time (rate is \$114 per hour).

Revenues:

The Board assumes it will begin to collect licensing fees in FY27. Because AAs are not currently licensed to work in Minnesota, the Board bases its revenue assumptions on Wisconsin, where AAs have been licensed since 2012. During a presentation to the Board’s Policy and Planning Committee in December 2025, advocates represented that there are approximately 200 AAs licensed to practice in Wisconsin. The Board estimates it will take until FY29 for Minnesota licenses to reach the same total number of AAs as are licensed in Wisconsin. Further, the concept of a provisional license is new to the Board and unique to this license, so the Board lacks comparable data on which to fully base assumptions. Nevertheless, the Board anticipates that, as more licensees obtain full licensure and because the barrier to obtaining full licensure is solely passage of the exam, the market will render the value of a provisional license less than full licensure, so there will be fewer provisional licensure applicants.

Based on the assumptions set forth above, during FY27, the Board anticipates that it will issue 50 provisional licenses and 50 full licenses, for a total of 100 licensees. During FY28, the Board anticipates that it will issue 75 licenses and 25 provisional licenses and 50 renewal licenses, for a total of 150 licensees. During FY29, the Board anticipates that it will issue 75 licenses, 75 renewals of full licensure, 50 renewals of provisional licenses or conversions to full licensure, and 0 new provisional licenses, for a total of 200 licensees. **Please note that the current legislation does not designate fee amounts, so the Board’s ability to estimate revenue is severely impacted.**

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Expenditures:

Description	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
0.5 FTE Annual Expense Office and Administrative Specialist I	0	\$27,264	\$27,264	\$27,264
Advisory Council per diems 5 members at \$55 per meeting	0	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$1,100
Space	0	0	0	0
IT costs: ALIMS database module development	0	\$35,000	\$14,000	0
Equipment	0	\$5,000	0	0
Attorney General Office complaint related expenses	0	0	\$11,750	\$18,800
Total Estimated Expenses	0	\$70,564	\$56,314	\$47,164

Revenues

Fee Description full licensure	Fee Amount	FY27	FY28	FY29
Anesthesiology assistant application	Unknown	Unknown Estimated 50 licenses issued	Unknown Estimated 75 licenses issued	Unknown Estimated 75 licenses issued
Anesthesiology assistant renewal	Unknown	\$0	Estimated 50 licenses renewed	Estimated 75 licenses renewed
Total	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Fee Description provisional licensure	Fee Amount	FY27	FY28	FY29
Anesthesiology assistant provisional license application (valid for 2 years)	Unknown	Unknown Estimated 50 licenses issued	Unknown Estimated 25 licenses issued	Unknown Estimated 0 licenses issued
Anesthesiology assistant provisional license to full license or renewal of provisional license	Unknown	\$0	\$0	Unknown Estimated 50 licenses either renewed or converted to full licensure
Total	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Please note that the current legislation does not designate fee amounts, so the Board’s ability to estimate long-term fiscal impact is severely impacted. Historically, the fees related to the licensing of allied professions have covered the annual expenditures, once the initial startup is complete. The Board assumes that, once fees are set in statute, the fees collected for AA license will cover the ongoing expenditures.

Local Fiscal Impact

n/a

References/Sources

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Bill Description

This bill would establish a licensing program for anesthesiologist assistants, including an advisory council to advise on licensure standards, program enforcement, applications, complaints, continuing education, and other items. Lines 9.20 through 9.26 describe the appointment of the advisory council’s members. Lines 9.27 through 9.28 state that the advisory council is to be administered under Minn. Stat. section 15.059. Lines 9.29 through 10.10 describe the advisory council’s duties.

Assumptions

Minnesota Statutes sections 15.0597 and 15.0599 require the secretary of state to publish notices of vacancies, collect applications assist with appointments, and prepare reports on multimember agencies (including state boards, commissions, councils, committees, authorities, and task forces). As part of this process, the Office of the Secretary of State consults with all multimember agencies on their reporting and appointment requirements.

The Office of the Secretary of State assumes that whenever a new multimember agency is created, work is required by public records staff to establish the agency on the secretary’s website and to train the agency staff on how to appoint members to their agency and make other changes and requests. There is also some staff time spent consulting periodically with multimember agencies throughout the year.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Board Set-up and Consultation

8 hours of OSS Public Records staff time per new board at an average rate of salary and benefits of \$46.01/hour.

$$\$46.01 \times 8 = \$368.08$$

\$368.08 (FY27)

The Secretary of State is able to absorb the costs identified on a one-off basis, but as more multimember agencies are created each year by the legislature, the Office’s capacity to assist all entities in a timely manner will diminish and additional funding may be required. These activities are not anticipated to displace any other work of the office.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

None.

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

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