



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Provide Funding for Costs Associated with Requiring the Licensing of Midwives

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$57,368	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$71,288	\$24,046	\$21,261	\$21,262
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$13,920	\$24,636	\$27,780	\$31,155
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$57,368)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$57,368	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations totaling \$71,288 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$24,046 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation for the cost associated with requiring individuals practicing midwifery in the State to be licensed by January 1, 2020. Of that amount, \$67,808 and \$20,989 in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively, are allocated to the Licensing and Enforcement program for the per diem and All Other costs associated with adding 2 members to the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers and for contracted staffing services to assist the board in establishing the new licensing requirement for individuals practicing midwifery in the State. Additionally, \$3,480 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$3,057 in fiscal year 2018-19 are allocated to the Administrative Services Division for the service center and STA-CAP charges.

This fiscal note assumes that the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers will be ready to accept and process applications for the licensure of certified midwives and certified professional midwives during fiscal year 2017-18 and that 20 midwives will submit the required information and fees before June 30, 2018. This fiscal note also assumes an additional 16 midwives will apply for licensure in fiscal year 2018-19. The estimated increase in dedicated revenues to the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers from licensing and other fees are \$13,920 and \$24,636 in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively. This estimate assumes licensing and renewal fees are established at the \$675 annual cap and that fees for background checks are \$21 per applicant.

Because revenues from licensing fees and other fees are not expected to be sufficient to support the additional costs to the board in fiscal year 2017-18, General Fund support will be required. This bill includes language that requires the State Controller to transfer \$57,368 in fiscal year 2017-18 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Licensing and Enforcement program, Other Special Revenue Funds account, within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, no later than October 15, 2017 to fund a portion of the first year costs of this