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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0345 Signed by Governor on May 18, 2018
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Subject: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Scope and Standards of Practice
Requestor: Senate
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Impact Date: July 20, 2018

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$154,536	\$147,136
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	2.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$15,454	\$14,714
Other and Federal	\$169,990	\$161,850
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase Other Funds expenditures by \$154,536 in FY 2018-19 and \$147,136 each year thereafter for the addition of 2 FTEs for the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR). This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) because it does not alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the agency.

This bill will increase license fee revenue of the Board of Medical Examiners by \$169,900 in FY 2018-19 and \$161,850 each year thereafter. Of this total, Other Funds license fee revenue will increase by \$154,536 in FY 2018-19 and \$147,136 each year thereafter to offset the additional expenditures of the board. In addition, as this licensure board falls under the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing, this bill will increase General Fund revenue by \$15,454 for FY 2018-19 and \$14,714 each year thereafter from the remittance of 10 percent of board expenditures.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill expands the scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physicians' assistants. In addition, the bill provides requirements for practice agreements between an APRN and their collaborating physician, and authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to conduct random audits of these practice agreements. This bill further expands the prescriptive authority of APRNs to allow for the prescribing of Schedule II through V controlled

substances pursuant to their practice agreement. APRNs include nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and clinical nurse specialists.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The Board of Medical Examiners, which is under the administration of LLR, will hire 2 additional FTEs to conduct audits of practice agreements between APRNs and their collaborating physicians. The salary and fringe benefits for each Administrator/Manager I will total \$73,568. The associated non-recurring costs for infrastructure and technological needs for each new FTE will be \$3,700. In total, this bill will increase Other Funds expenditures for the board by \$154,536 in FY 2018-19 and \$147,136 each year thereafter.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC reports that the provisions of this bill do not impact the public health services provided by the agency. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the agency.

State Revenue

LLR is required to adjust board fees biennially to ensure that fee revenue is sufficient, but not excessive, to cover expenses of each respective board. In addition, Proviso 81.3 of the FY 2017-18 Appropriations Act requires LLR professional and occupational boards to remit annually to the General Fund an amount equal to 10 percent of expenditures. Adding 10 percent to the expected expenditure of \$154,536 yields a total increase in license fee revenue of \$169,990 in FY 2018-19. Adding 10 percent to the expected expenditure of \$147,136 yields a total increase in license fee revenue of \$161,850 in FY 2019-20.

Of this total, Other Funds license fee revenue of the Board of Medical Examiners will increase by \$154,536 in FY 2018-19 and \$147,136 each year thereafter to offset the additional expenditures of the board. In addition, as this licensure board falls under the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing, this bill will increase General Fund revenue by \$15,454 for FY 2018-19 and \$14,714 each year thereafter from the remittance of 10 percent of board expenditures.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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