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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Up to \$48,750	Up to \$48,750

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill makes various changes to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) statutes and results in a potential revenue gain to the state.

Section 1 allows the DCP Commissioner to impose a civil penalty of not more than \$500 to any inspection violation concerning food, drug, or cosmetic devices licensed or registered in the state. Previously, the Commissioner could revoke or suspend the license or registration of the establishment. It is expected that 10 fines per year will occur. If the fines are all levied at the maximum \$500, this would generate \$5,000 in general fund revenue.

Section 3 allows the DCP Commissioner to impose a fine of up to \$250 if a respondent fails to respond to a complaint filed against them. The Commissioner may waive this fine for credential holders. In FY 2017 there were approximately 175 cases where this fine could have been imposed. If the fine was imposed at the full amount for every

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case it would have generated \$43,750 in general fund revenue.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.