

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HB-6835

AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Ledyard; Montville	Potential Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal
All Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

### ***Explanation***

The bill results in a potential minimal revenue gain to the General Fund, a potential minimal revenue gain to municipalities, and a potential minimal revenue loss to Montville and Ledyard. The fiscal impacts of the bill are broken out by section below. Other provisions of the bill are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

**Section 3**, which creates a new retirement licensure category for psychologists with a fee of \$50, among other provisions, results in a minimal revenue gain to the General Fund. Currently, when psychologists retire, their licenses are not renewed, and are recorded by the Department of Public Health (DPH) as lapsed due to non-renewal. It is unknown how many lapsed psychologist licenses are associated with retirements.

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**Sections 4 through 29**, eliminate the municipal registrars' authority to waive the fee for issuing a certified copy of a birth certificate to a certified homeless young adult, which results in a potential minimal revenue gain to municipalities to the extent that they issue certified copies of a birth certificate to certified homeless young adults and collect the associated fee. The fee for certified copy of a birth certificate issued from a town/city of birth is \$20.

**Sections 4 through 29** also permit the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes to issue birth and death certificates. This results in a potential minimal revenue loss to Montville and Ledyard beginning in FY 24. Any revenue loss may be partially offset by the potential revenue gain from collecting more birth certificate copy fees (described above). The fee for a death certificate issued from a town/city is \$20.<sup>1</sup>

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of psychologists that obtain retirement licensure from DPH, and the number of certified copies of a birth certificate issued to a certified homeless young adult, and the number of relevant birth and death certificates issued by the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes.

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<sup>1</sup>Connecticut law allows the spouse, child, or parent of a deceased veteran to obtain one free certified copy of the decedent's death certificate, provided the requesting family member presents a copy of their valid government issued photo I.D. and proof of their relationship to the deceased.