

FISCAL NOTE (Form 1)  
(Office of Fiscal Analysis)  
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BILL NUMBER: SB 124  
FILE NUMBER:  
AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING DEATH CERTIFICATES AND PHYSICIAN RESPONSIBILITY"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 124

STATE IMPACT	Minimal Revenue Loss, Minimal Savings, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Health Services, Office of the Medical Examiner

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

Since this bill eliminates a requirement that carries a civil penalty, passage of the bill will result in a minimal revenue loss to the Department of Health Services. If a physician fails to complete and process a death certificate properly, the Commissioner of the Department of Health Services may assess a civil penalty against such a physician, which does not exceed \$250. However, data shows that in SFY 91 no such civil penalty was assessed against a physician failing to comply with the requirement eliminated under this bill; therefore, revenue loss from this bill will be very minimal.

To the extent that physicians charge a fee to fulfill the requirement eliminated in this bill, and to the extent that the state would have had to pay that fee, passage of this bill will result in a minimal savings to the Office of the Medical Examiner. It is estimated that this savings will be \$1,000-\$2,000.