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AN ACT CONCERNING THE BURNING OF MEDICAL WASTE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Energy and	GF - Cost	95,000	95,000
Environmental Protection			
State Comptroller - Fringe	GF - Cost	34,604	34,604
Benefits ¹			
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below
	Revenue Gain		
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below
	Cost		

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires any state agency incinerating treated or untreated hospital, medical, or infectious waste to have a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) permit. This results in an additional cost to DEEP, beginning in FY 26, associated with one fulltime Air Pollution Control Engineer. Additional costs would include: an annual salary of \$85,000, corresponding fringe benefits of \$34,604 and other expenses of \$10,000, totaling \$129,604 annually. The Air Pollution Control Engineer would be responsible for conducting technical reviews and processing permit modifications, to be in compliance with the standards contained within the bill.

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

The bill could result in a potential revenue gain to the resource of the General Fund to the extent that additional permit modifications or new permits are issued under the bill.

Additionally, the bill results in a potential cost to the extent affected state agencies with medical waste disposal contracts experience increased contract costs due to the expanded regulations in the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation, permit modifications and contract costs.