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AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND VAPOR PRODUCT DEALERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	43,436	55,248
Consumer Protection, Dept.	Cannabis Regulatory Fund - Cost	83,836	109,114
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	49,708	66,277

Note: GF=General Fund; Various=Various

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill adds reporting requirements and adds to the reasons the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) can deny an e-cigarette dealer registration resulting in a cost to the state.

To meet the requirements of the bill, DCP will have to hire a processing technician resulting in a General Fund cost of \$43,436 in FY 27 and \$55,248 in FY 28, and a drug control agent resulting in a Cannabis Regulatory Fund cost of \$83,836 in FY 27 and \$109,114 in FY 28². In addition to the two new positions there will be associated fringe benefit costs of \$49,708 in FY 27 and \$66,277 in FY 28. The two additional

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 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

²The processing technician will be paid from the General Fund and the drug control agent will be paid from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

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employees are needed to process the additional data collection required by the bill and ensure compliance measures are met by licensees. In FY 25 DCP received over 1,400 renewal applications for e-cigarette licenses.

The Out Years

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