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AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CERTAIN RATE INCREASES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5644)

House Calendar No.: 558

Senate Calendar No.: 67

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

Section 1, which requires assisted living service agencies to hold informational hearings related to certain fee increases, has no fiscal impact to the state.

Section 2 of the amendment results in potential savings beginning in FY 27 to municipalities that choose to jointly appoint municipal agents for aging, as expenses relating to the agents can now be shared across multiple municipalities. The section also adds a requirement concerning conflicts of interest that does not have a fiscal impact.

Section 3, which adjusts the requirements for which multifamily housing projects must have at least one emergency power generator, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or to municipalities as this only concerns private parties.

Section 4, which requires home health aide agencies to provide their home health aide employees and contractors certain personal protective equipment (PPE) for no cost, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state.

Sections 5 and 6 could result in increased Medicaid costs to DSS associated with allowing DSS to approve requests to add new Medicaid certified beds to existing or new nursing homes. To the extent this results in a higher cost per bed than Medicaid would otherwise support, or new costs related to a new facility, the state will incur associated allowable Medicaid expenditures. The actual fiscal impact is dependent on the scope and approval of such requests.

Section 6 also adds to the list of items DSS must consider when determining whether to approve or deny requests for additional nursing home beds. To the extent considering the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) five-star quality rating system alters the decision DSS would have otherwise made, the agency could experience an impact, which cannot be determined at this time.

Section 7 modifies minimum data set requirements for audit purposes. This could impact nursing home rates to the extent limiting the timeframe in which minimum data set information must be submitted adjusts the calculation of Medicaid acuity-based per diem rates paid to nursing homes.

Senate "A" strikes the language of the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact and results in the fiscal impact stated above.

The Out Years

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

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