

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB99

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| House of Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Introduced | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed |
| Second House | <input type="checkbox"/> In Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled |

2. Patron: Head

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Continuing education; approved courses for funeral service licensees, funeral directors, etc.

5. Summary: Provides that approved continuing education courses for funeral service licensees, funeral directors, and embalmers shall include either one hour of compliance with laws and regulations governing the profession or one hour of preneed funeral arrangements per year, provided that at least one hour of continuing education in preneed is completed every three years. Current law requires at least one hour of compliance with laws and regulations governing the profession and at least one hour of preneed funeral arrangements per year. The bill also contains technical changes.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this bill, as amended, would not have a fiscal impact on the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (the Board). Any potential increase in the number of complaints to be investigated and cases to be adjudicated in the event that a funeral director does not choose continuing education courses on preneed funeral arrangements is minimal and can be handled within existing resources. Over the past five years only 14.3 percent of disciplinary cases adjudicated by the Board included issues relating to preneed funeral arrangements.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.