

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB129

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

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Cremate; expands definition, alkaline hydrolysis.

5. Summary: That the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (the Board) shall convene a work group consisting of relevant stakeholders to determine the (i) regulatory and statutory changes needed to legalize, implement, and regulate the process of alkaline hydrolysis in the Commonwealth; (ii) necessary qualifications to enable a person to engage in the practice of alkaline hydrolysis; (iii) proper standards for the operation of a facility containing a pressure vessel for alkaline hydrolysis; and (iv) proper requirements for licensure as an owner or operator of such a facility. In conducting its study, the work group shall consider any necessary environmental precautions and safety measures to ensure proper (a) regulation and implementation of the alkaline hydrolysis process and (b) regulation and inspection of facilities where alkaline hydrolysis is conducted in the Commonwealth. The Board shall report the results of such study to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions on or before November 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or the Department of Health Professions. Any fiscal impact to convene a workgroup can be handled within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.