

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1407 - HB 1968

March 25, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines “patient” to include a person who needs psychiatric care for the purpose of regulation of health care facilities licensed by the Department of Health.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The health care facilities currently regulated through the Department of Health provide services to patients with psychiatric diagnoses. The Department will not revise the survey process to regulate health care facilities.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities may need to change rules to include the proposed definition change. Any necessary rulemaking will be accomplished during a regularly scheduled meeting within the existing resources of the Board.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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