

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 257 – HB 1019

February 20, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Revises current statute regarding the withholding of resuscitative services. Replaces “universal do no resuscitate order” with “POST” or “physician orders for scope of treatment.” Authorizes nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists to issue a POST. Authorizes the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities to approve forms of declaration regarding living wills. Removes the requirement a warning statement be required in any appointment of agent, or person making a health care decision for another, as long as such agent complies with the *Tennessee Health Care Decisions Act*.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003505): Authorizes physician assistants to issue a POST.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health, any rulemaking or additional responsibility required by this act will have no significant fiscal impact on the Board of Licensing Health Care Facilities.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities had closing balances of \$594,769 in FY10-11 and \$450,785 in FY11-12. All the Board’s funds revert to the General Fund at the end of the year.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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