

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Renfroe

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**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services  
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**SHORT TITLE:** DEFINITION COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR BENEFITS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
<b>State Revenue</b>		
Cash Funds	up to \$24,000	up to \$6,400
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal workload increase. See State Expenditures.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill allows facilities that provide services to between four and eight developmentally disabled persons (host homes) and are located within certain sized compounds to obtain licensure as a multiple community residential home. This licensure would be for the purpose of applying for federal and state benefits (such as Medicaid), so long as all other existing requirements are met.

**Background**

Under current regulations, community residential homes (also known as developmentally disabled group homes) may not be located within 750 feet of each other. There is one known compound that includes four host homes and two community residential homes (that meet the space requirements). This bill would allow these four host homes, as well as any others that meet the bill's criteria, to obtain licensure as a multiple community residential home.

**State Revenue**

This bill could increase state revenue credited to the Health Facilities General Licensure Cash Fund in the Department of Public Health and Environment by up to \$24,000 in FY 2014-15 and up to \$6,400 in FY 2015-16.

**Assumptions.** Should any of the four known host homes choose to become licensed as a multiple community residential home, state revenue will increase by \$6,000 for the initial license and \$1,600 per yearly renewal thereafter. The fiscal note assumes that up to four known host homes will choose to become licensed in FY 2014-15.

**State Expenditures**

This bill will increase workload for the Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and Public Health and Environment (DPHE), but will not require an increase in appropriations for either agency.

**Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.** HCPF will need to amend the Developmental Disabilities Home- and Community-Based Services waiver regarding minimum distance between licensed facilities and revise rules in order to comply with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This workload is anticipated to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Department of Public Health and Environment.** Should any existing host homes choose to become licensed as a multiple community residential home, workload will increase for the DPHE by a minimal amount to conduct licensing surveys. Workload is approximately 32 hours per location in the initial year and every two to three years thereafter. Due to the low amount of staff time required, this increase in workload does not require an increase in appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties  
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Health Care Policy and Financing  
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Human Services