

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

**L.R. No.:** 1404-01

**Type:** Original

**Bill No.:** HB 531

**Date:** January 30, 2015

**Subject:** Tobacco Products; Health Department; Children and Minors

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**Bill Summary:** This proposal requires liquid nicotine products to be sold in child-safe packaging.

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on the state is anticipated.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on local political subdivisions is anticipated.

Fiscal Analysis

**Oversight** was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Public Safety, Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control** and the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

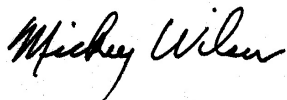
Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding

Fiscal Analysis (continued)

for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal. Also, this legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.



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