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**Fiscal Note**

**ACT 332**

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Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:



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HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES EN +\$1,800 SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides relative to the licensing of free standing birth centers

Proposed law authorizes the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate rules for the licensing of free standing birth centers. Proposed law defines a free standing birth center, and provides for licensing fees (initial and renewal) of free standing birth centers.

Proposed law requires LDH to perform an onsite survey and inspection of the free standing birth center facility following the receipt of a completed initial licensing application and and the licensing fee.

Proposed law provides for penalties for any facility or center operating without a license.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	<b>\$9,000</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The Louisiana Department of Health indicates there are three (3) existing free standing birth centers. Additional administrative functions associated with processing license applications is anticipated to be covered with with existing staff. Operational expenses associated with travel to perform on-site facility surveys and inspections are anticipated to be nominal, and anticipated to be covered with revenues generated through initial and renewal licensing of such facilities.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Based on the current number of free standing birth centers (FSBC's) in the state and a \$600 licensing fee, the department projects generating and additional \$1,800 annually through initial licensing and licensing renewal fees.

Note: Proposed law provides for financial penalties on FSBC's if operating without a license. Any center or facility operating without a license shall be charged with a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, subject to fines of not less than \$250 and \$1,000 each day in violation.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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