

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT PROMOTING NURSING HOME RESIDENT QUALITY OF LIFE.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

**Section 1** establishes a Class B violation under CGA Sec. 19a-527, which results in a potential minimal General Fund revenue gain starting 7/1/26 to the extent that violations occur, nursing homes are issued civil penalties by the Department of Public Health (DPH), and associated fines are collected. For each violation, a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 may be imposed. A new violation occurs each day that a nursing home fails to comply.

**Section 9** may result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with forensic audits and related potential civil monetary penalties on certain facilities. The bill specifies that forensic audits may be conducted by DSS, the costs for which the audited facility would be liable. The bill also subjects facilities to civil penalties of up to \$3,250 per day until the facility cooperates. DSS may (1) recover such costs and penalties through reduced Medicaid payments otherwise due to impacted facilities, or (2) receive reimbursement for audit costs and

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collect civil penalties and reflect an associated revenue gain.

The bill makes various other changes that are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.