

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1893** by Zerwas (Relating to the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1893, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable (Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011
2012	\$48,402	(\$48,402)	0.5
2013	\$31,503	(\$31,503)	0.5
2014	\$31,503	(\$31,503)	0.5
2015	\$31,503	(\$31,503)	0.5
2016	\$31,503	(\$31,503)	0.5

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants; providing penalties. The bill would create the Texas Anesthesiologist Assistant Board (board) to advise the Texas Medical Board (TMB), and would specify the board's composition, member eligibility standards and terms, and meeting requirements. Board members would not receive compensation, but they would be eligible to receive reimbursement under the General Appropriations Act for transportation and related expenses while conducting board business. TMB would provide administrative and clerical employees to assist the board.

The bill would require anesthesiologist assistants to hold a license issued by the board, and would establish the eligibility, examination, and continuing education requirements. TMB estimates 50

applicants will apply for licensure in the initial implementation year and 10 in each subsequent year.

The bill would define the scope of practice and supervision requirements for anesthesiologist assistants. The board would adopt rules for the performance of its duties, including licensing and the assessment of fees. TMB would adopt rules with the advice of the board, and set fees to administer and enforce the new chapter.

The bill would provide for an administrative penalty, not to exceed \$2,000 each day a violation continued, and a criminal penalty that would be a third degree felony.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2011, except for provisions relating to anesthesiologist assistant license requirements and criminal penalties which take effect September 1, 2012.

### **Methodology**

TMB anticipates additional costs associated with the implementation of the bill. TMB estimates the need for a 0.5 FTE Program Specialist I at a cost of \$18,326 per year to process applications and to assist with board meetings; \$4,000/meeting for an estimated two board meetings per year; \$14,500 in fiscal year 2012 to reconfigure its current cubicle workstations in order to accommodate the additional 0.5 FTE; \$7,500 per year for travel expenses and \$500 per year for supplies/equipment costs for six board members. Total impact is estimated to be \$48,402 in fiscal year 2012 and \$31,503 in each subsequent year.

Based on the analysis of the agency, it is assumed that the Board would adjust license fees to cover any additional costs associated with the implementation of the bill.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 503 Texas Medical Board

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