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Fiscal Note

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H.96 – An act relating to increasing the monetary thresholds for certificate of need

As recommended by the House Committee on Health Care, Draft 3.1¹²

Bill Summary

The bill proposes to increase the monetary thresholds that trigger a certificate of need (CON) requirement and to exempt health care services and health facility projects that are the result of a contract awarded by the State.

Fiscal Impact

Over the past seven years, the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) has collected approximately \$50,000 per year – on average – in fees related to the review of CON applications. GMCB estimates that the bill could reduce this revenue by as much as \$20,000 per year on average. According to GMCB this loss can be absorbed and the decrease in CON reviews would allow resources to be deployed elsewhere.

Background and Details

Under 18 V.S.A. § 9441, the Board charges a fee for the filing of CON applications. The fee is calculated at the rate of 0.125% of project costs.³ Fees range from a minimum of \$250 (regardless of the project cost) to a maximum of \$20,000. All fees collected are deposited in the Green Mountain Care Board Regulatory and Administrative Fund.

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² The full fiscal note history is available on the fiscal tab of the bill page on the General Assembly website and can be pulled up through a bill number search on the JFO page.

³ <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/18/221/09441>