

Health Care Committee

SB 5903

Brief Description: *Changing physician license fees.*

Sponsors: *By Senators Winsley, Franklin, Costa and Thibaudeau.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Raises the \$25 annual surcharge on physician licenses to no more than \$35 to fund the Impaired Physicians Program.*

Hearing Date: *3/29/01*

Staff: *John Welsh (786-7133).*

Background:

A statutory surcharge of \$25 is added to a licensing fee or license renewal fee of physicians for financing the Impaired Physician Program. The Medical Quality Assurance Commission is required by law to enter into a contract with a professional entity which provides evaluation and treatment services to physicians impaired as a result of chemical abuse or mental illness to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to their patients.

Summary of Bill:

The statutory surcharge of \$25 for financing the Impaired Physician Program is raised to no more than \$35.

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Available.*

Effective Date: *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*

