



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Session 2019

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**Short Title:** Marriage Amendment Reaffirmation Act.  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 65 (First Edition)  
**Sponsor(s):** Representatives Pittman, Brody, and Kidwell

### SUMMARY TABLE

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B. 65, V.1

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2020-21</u>	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
<b>State Impact</b>					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Less Expenditures</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>General Fund Impact</b>					

#### NET STATE IMPACT

No Estimate Available - Refer to Fiscal Analysis section

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

Due to uncertainty of how the bill would be implemented, no cost estimate is available at this time.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

This bill requires the State to enforce the marriage amendment (Article XIV, Section 6) of the State Constitution, which would only legally recognize marriages between a male and a female. In 2015, the US Supreme Court ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that same-sex couples have the right to legally recognized marriages. According to NC General Assembly legal staff, passage of this law alone would not invalidate *Obergefell v. Hodges*. As a result, same sex marriage would still be legal in North Carolina. Therefore, there is no cost estimate available for the impact of this bill.

### TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

### DATA SOURCES

NC General Assembly



## **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS**

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