

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1826

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Morgan, Harvey B.

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Pharmacy

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill would establish a registration requirement (with mandatory training and possibly an examination) for pharmacy technicians under the Board of Pharmacy. It would further specify the acts restricted to a pharmacist and delineate those tasks and duties that may be delegated under supervision to a pharmacy technician. It also requires the Board to promulgate regulations for the approval of training programs and examinations and to establish evidence of continued competency as a condition of renewal of registration. A ratio of four technicians to one pharmacist is specified, as are the grounds for disciplinary action or denial of licensure for a registered pharmacy technician.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are final

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	\$2,500	-	NGF
2002-03	\$2,500	-	NGF

**Note: See item 8 for impact beyond FY 2003*

- 7. Budget amendment necessary:** No. The expenditures attributable to the establishment and maintenance of a pharmacy technician registration program will be offset by revenues derived from application, renewal and miscellaneous fees charged to pharmacy technicians by the Board of Pharmacy.
- 8. Fiscal implications:** The bill would necessitate the promulgation of regulations at a cost of approximately \$5,000 over a two-year period. At a minimum, there will be the need for an ad hoc advisory group to work on an approved curriculum for technicians and to recommend a post-test or examination. There may be a need to hire a curriculum consultant, in which case the costs for developing regulations could increase. Implementation of technician registration will not happen until FY 2003-04, so the fiscal impact of the program will occur after that time. Expenditures in the first year would include: development and printing of forms, processing of applications, registration entry, case enforcement, adjudication, health practitioner intervention program, miscellaneous allocated costs from the Department of Health Professions, for a total of approximately \$128,500. Revenue for the first year (which would include the first renewal) is estimated at \$150,000 (5,000 applicants/technicians @ \$30 registration fee). Expenditures in the next year would be

approximately \$105,000 per year, and the revenue would be approximately \$130,000 (1,000 applicants @ \$30 and 5,000 technicians @ \$20 annual renewal fee). Expenditures in the following few years may increase by ten percent with the majority of the increase attributed to increased enrollment of registered technicians in the practitioner intervention program. Again, the expenditures attributable to the establishment and maintenance of a pharmacy technician registration program will be offset by revenues derived from application, renewal and miscellaneous fees charged to pharmacy technicians by the Board of Pharmacy.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Health Professions (Board of Pharmacy)

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: None

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