

**Department of Planning and Budget
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB1318

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Stump

3. Committee Education and Health

4. Title Volunteers services by certain providers of healthcare

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation would exempt from the Virginia licensure or certification requirements of the Board for Opticians and the Boards of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine certain out-of-state practitioners who (i) do not regularly practice in Virginia, (ii) hold current valid licenses or certificates to practice in another state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) volunteer to provide free healthcare to an underserved area of this Commonwealth under the auspices of a publicly supported all-volunteer, non-profit organization with no paid employees that sponsors the provision of healthcare to populations of underserved people throughout the world, (iv) file copies of the licenses or certificates issued in such other jurisdiction with the appropriate board, and (v) notify the appropriate board, within fifteen days prior to the voluntary provision of services of the dates and location of such services. Enactment clauses require emergency regulations and authorize the various boards to require the sponsoring organization to register and pay a fee prior to delivering services in Virginia.

This legislation was amended to limit a amount of time and location of practice for all of the specified practitioners. In addition, language was added to allow boards to disallow practice, except for Board for Opticians, if an individual is found to be in violation of applicable laws or regulations.

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications : Although the Department of Health Professions (DHP) cannot provide an estimate as to the number of practitioners that would register to practice in a volunteer capacity, the agency does not expect a significant fiscal impact. In addition, to the small expense associated with additional registrations, it will cost approximately \$5,000 in the first year to promulgate the emergency regulations required by this legislation. These costs are associated with the rule-making process and include expenses for committee meetings, public hearings, and mailings.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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