

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB154

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 Van Yahres, M.

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Health; certain unused drugs provided to free clinics

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation would allow nursing homes to enter into voluntary agreements with pharmacists to return and drug that are no longer necessary for their residents in order that the pharmacy may dispense such drug to the indigent, free of charge, subject to certain restrictions. The drugs must be in the manufacturers' original sealed containers or sealed individual dose or unit dose package and the return must comply with federal law. Only an authorized person will accomplish the physical transfer, consent must be obtained from the relevant patient or his authorized representative for return of the medication, the expiration date remains, all identifying data relating to the patient for whom the drug was dispensed must be removed, inventories must accompany the transferred drugs, and outdated drugs cannot be transferred and must be destroyed according to the Board's regulations. The pharmacist-in-charge at the participating pharmacy will be responsible for determining the suitability of the drug for re-dispensing. Prescriptions dispensed for Medicaid or children's health insurance program recipients cannot be donated. The Board of Pharmacy shall promulgate emergency regulations to implement the program.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are minimal

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Health Professions estimates that it will cost the Board of Pharmacy 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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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources