

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB487

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Broman

3. **Committee** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title** Practice of pharmacy

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation would exempt from the requirements for the practice of pharmacy those practitioners of medicine or osteopathy who participate in pharmaceutical manufacturers' indigent programs in which the manufacturer donates a stock bottle of the prescription drug that is to be dispensed to an indigent patient. The labeling and packaging standards will apply (packaging can be changed by the practitioner or the patient) and the drug cannot be used for any other purpose, unless the manufacturer and the practitioner authorize dispensing to another indigent patient. Practitioners may, in lieu of dispensing directly to the patient, transfer the stock bottle to a pharmacy participating in the indigent program. The participating practitioner and the pharmacy are prohibited from charging the patient a fee for the medication.

6. **Minimal Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** The agency estimates that it will cost approximately \$2,500 in the first year to promulgate the 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:** None

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** This legislation is similar to SB 145, except this legislation prohibits participating practitioners and pharmacists from charging a fee.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources