

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB687

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Tata, Robert

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

**4. Title**         Physician assistants

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This legislation clarifies the Code as it pertains to the continuous supervision of assistants by physicians. The requirement for physician supervision of assistants must not be construed as requiring the physical presence of the supervising physician during all times and places of service delivery by an assistant. Furthermore, this bill details that each team of supervising physician and physician assistant must identify the relevant physician assistant's scope of practice, including, but not limited to, the delegation of medical tasks as appropriate to the physician assistant's level of competence, the physician assistant's relationship with and access to the supervising physician, and an evaluation process for the physician assistant's performance. The Board of Medicine is required, pursuant to a second enactment clause, to promulgate emergency regulations to implement this provision.

**6. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The agency estimates that 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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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources