

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

1. Bill Number SB53

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 Edwards, John S.

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Regulatory authority of Board of Counseling

5. Summary/Purpose: This legislation requires the Board of Counseling to promulgate regulations establishing requirements for evidence of continued competency as a condition of licensure renewal. The Board is authorized to approve persons who provide or accredit continuing education programs in order to accomplish this purpose and is required to promulgate emergency regulations. In addition, the legislation was amended to allow the Board to grant exemptions or waivers to reduce the number of continuing education hours required in cases of certified illness or undue hardship.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources