

Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number House Bill 1440

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Albert C. Eisenberg

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Delegation of certain nursing tasks; attendant care services

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill requires the Board of Nursing to (i) encourage schools of nursing in the Commonwealth to include in their curricula information on delegation of certain nursing tasks not involving assessment, evaluation or nursing judgment to appropriately trained unlicensed personnel under the supervision of a registered nurse; (ii) provide a brochure about such delegation to current registered nurses; (iii) provide materials on delegation to employers of unlicensed assistive personnel; and (iv) develop through regulation, a training program for registered nurses to teach delegable nursing tasks to unlicensed personnel. The bill creates a new category of "attendant care services", and provides that nothing in Chapter 30 of Title 54.1 shall be construed to prohibit a person not licensed under the chapter from providing such services directed by or on behalf of an individual in need of in-home care. "Attendant care services" are defined as those basic and ancillary services that enable an individual in need of in-home care to live in the individual's home and community rather than in an institution and to carry out functions of daily living, self-care, and mobility. The bill also excludes attendant care services from the definition of practical nursing.

6. Fiscal impact is preliminary. (See item 8)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation requires the Board of Nursing produce a brochure on delegation and distribute it to all registered nurses, to inform all employers of unlicensed assistive personnel about delegation and to develop a training program on delegation. The cost of filling these requirements could vary dramatically depending on the Board's effort (i.e. brochure production, method of distribution, number of entities involved, etc.) The Department of Health Professions estimates the minimal cost to be less than \$10,000. In addition, this bill would require the promulgation of regulations at a cost of approximately \$2,500 for expenses, such as committee meetings, mailings, and distribution of final regulations.

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