

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number House Bill 7

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 M. Kirkland Cox

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill would abolish the Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers. The advisory board was created in 1994 to recommend

- (i) to the Boards of Counseling; Medicine; Nursing; Psychology; and Social Work regulatory criteria for the voluntary certification of their licensees who provide rehabilitation services and for standards of conduct of licensees so certified and;
- (ii) to the Board of Counseling regulatory criteria for certification and for standards of professional conduct of persons who provide rehabilitative services but who are exempt from licensure as professional counselors.

The advisory board has not met since the development of initial regulations. The activities of the advisory board are currently subsumed within the Board of Counseling, which has the authority to form ad hoc advisory groups should the need arise for additional expertise. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Operations, Practices, Duties, and Funding of the Commonwealth's Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Other Governmental Entities pursuant to HJR 159 (2002).

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: The Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers has been dormant since it was established in regulations and has not required the expenditure of any funds.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: This bill is similar to House Bill 212.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources