

**Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 2538

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: S. Chris Jones

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Nonresident pharmacies; registration

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides that the Board of Pharmacy shall only register nonresident pharmacies that maintain a current unrestricted registration or license as a pharmacy in a jurisdiction that may lawfully deliver prescription drugs directly or indirectly to consumers within the United States. Such registration of nonresident pharmacies shall be immediately suspended, without a hearing, upon receipt of documentation by the licensing agency in the jurisdiction where a nonresident pharmacy registered with the Board is located that it has had its license or registration as a pharmacy revoked or suspended by that agency or that the nonresident pharmacy no longer holds a valid unexpired license or registration as a pharmacy. Further, the Board may summarily suspend the registration of any nonresident pharmacy without a hearing, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings for a hearing, if it finds that there is a substantial danger to the public health or safety that warrants such action. A nonresident pharmacy with a suspended registration shall not ship, mail, or deliver any Schedule II through VI drugs into the Commonwealth unless reinstated by the Board.

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation could result in a small increase in the number of investigations and disciplinary cases for the Board of Pharmacy. The department will absorb any added costs within existing practitioner fees.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: No

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources