

**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:** Passed Both Houses

**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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