

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1531

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Armstrong, Ward L.

3. Committee Pending

4. Title Healing arts; unprofessional conduct in practice thereof

5. Summary/Purpose: Establishes as unprofessional conduct by a practitioner of the healing arts the oral or written inquiry to a patient concerning the possession, ownership, or storage of firearms, where the inquiry is unrelated to the patient's condition and is for the purpose of gathering statistics or to justify patient counseling.

6. Fiscal impact is unknown (see item 8)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This bill modifies §54.1-2915 of the Code including an addition act(s) that would be deemed unprofessional conduct by the Board of Medicine. Since there is no way to estimate the increase in the number of complaints, investigations and disciplinary cases, the number of additional staff needed for the Department of Health Professions is unknown. An increase in staff and disciplinary hearings could necessitate an increase in fees for licensees of the Board of Medicine

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