

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 153

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: O'Bannon

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Physical therapy; advertising prohibited if not a licensed physical therapist or assistant

5. Summary: As amended, this legislation makes it unlawful for any person to advertise services using the words "physical therapy" or "physiotherapy" unless such services are provided by a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. All practitioner complaints will be referred to the applicable board within the department for disciplinary action. The legislation will not restrict or limit the legally authorized scope of practice of any profession licensed, certified, registered, permitted, or recognized under a multistate licensure privilege issued by any of the health regulatory boards within the Department of Health Professions prior to January 1, 2010.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Section 54.1-3474, Code of Virginia makes it unlawful to practice physical therapy in the Commonwealth without a license. This bill would specify that advertising is also unlawful; however the number of complaints and disciplinary actions are not expected to increase significantly.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None

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