

**Department of Planning and Budget
2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 723

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Peace

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Practice of podiatry; definition

5. Summary: As amended, the bill provides that a podiatrist shall not be permitted to testify as an expert witness against a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine in connection with a medical malpractice civil court proceeding or a medical malpractice review panel in any case where the doctor or osteopath is a defendant in such proceeding. In addition, the practice of podiatry is clarified to include the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure or alleviation of physical conditions, diseases, pain, or infirmities of the human foot and ankle.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: None

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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