

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB 725
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| 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:** Education and Health
4. **Title:** Polysomnographic technologist; license required

Summary/Purpose: Provides that no person shall practice as a polysomnographic technologist or to assume the title "licensed polysomnographic technologist," "polysomnographic technologist," or "licensed sleep tech" unless such person is licensed by the Board of Medicine. This bill also creates the Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology to assist the Board in establishing the qualifications, examination, and other requirements for the regulation of licensed polysomnographic technologists.

6. **Fiscal impact is unknown (see item 8)**
7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required for the licensure of this profession, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.
8. **Fiscal implications:** Although the regulation of polysomnographic technologists will clearly have a fiscal impact on the Board of Medicine, the amount and impact on licensure fees is unknown. Costs for the Board of Medicine will increase in licensing and disciplinary functions as well as the operation of another advisory board. The fee structure for professions regulated by the Department of Health Professions (DHP) is established as to offset the anticipated costs of the board. Although the department does not have an exact estimate as to the number of polysomnographic technologists in the Commonwealth, it believes there are approximately 200.

Each profession regulated by the DHP has a dedicated advisory board, which costs approximately \$2,500 per year. This amount includes four annual meetings for the five advisory members and the associated costs to attend the four annual meetings of the full Board of Medicine. In addition, there is the cost of licensure and disciplinary functions. It is estimated that the anticipated revenue generated by licensure of this profession will be adequate to support an additional advisory board and the costs associated with licensure and discipline.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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