

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 342

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

2. Patron: Newman, Stephen D.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Dental laboratories; register with Board of Dentistry

5. Summary: The proposed legislation requires any individual or business entity engaged in the manufacture or repair of dental prosthetic appliances to register with the Board of Dentistry. The bill also requires the Board to develop regulations governing the operation of dental laboratories.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined (See item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact on costs for the Department of Health Professions and Board of Dentistry cannot be estimated at this time. There is no current estimate as to the number of dental laboratories that could potentially be regulated by the Board per the requirements of this bill. Moreover, enforcement costs cannot accurately be approximated since there are many dental laboratories located in other states and even in other countries. Furthermore, the department maintains that periodic inspections may be required to ensure compliance, which in some instances (out of state laboratories) could prove extremely expensive or even cost-prohibitive. In addition, any non-compliant laboratories that are subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Dentistry would in turn have significantly higher enforcement costs as well as other expenditures related to the investigation and adjudication of cases.

All of the anticipated costs for investigations and disciplinary proceedings would be borne by regulated entities (dentists, hygienists and assistants) of the Board of Dentistry. Therefore, the amount of any regulatory fee increase would vary depending on the actual experience of regulating dental laboratories. While nongeneral fund dollars and positions would have to be appropriated, such action can occur administratively until such time as a clear impact can be determined and included in the Appropriation Act.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB 267.

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