

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 898

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

2. Patron: Reeves, Bryce E.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Practitioners; Board of Medicine to revoke license of certain

5. Summary: The enrolled bill stipulates that if the Board of Medicine revokes the license of a practitioner because they have engaged in sexual contact with a patient under certain circumstances (pursuant to subdivision A 19 of § 54.1-2915), then the board shall not consider an application for reinstatement for five years. In addition, the bill requires a board to conduct an investigation and review an application for reinstatement after revocation to determine whether there are causes for denial of the application.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required by this legislation, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.

7. Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Health Professions estimates that the proposal may result in a very modest increase in the number of appeals brought before the Board of Medicine due to the longer licensure revocation period (from three to five years). The cost of an appeal is highly variable and depends upon the complexity of the case. However the agency reports that a single highly complicated case could cost in excess of \$100,000. Regulatory fees generated by regulants of the Board of Medicine would have to cover any increase in expenses related to additional appeals. Whether it may become necessary to increase fees to cover such costs is unknown at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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