

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 328

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: Barker, George L.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Surgical technologists and surgical assistants; use of title, registration

5. Summary: The substitute bill prohibits any person from using or assuming the title “registered surgical technologist” unless such person is registered with the Board of Medicine and prohibits any person from using or assuming the title “registered surgical assistant” unless such person is registered with the Board. The bill requires the Board to register applicants as registered surgical technologists or registered surgical assistants if the applicant meets certain criteria.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. The Department of Health Professions will adjust fee revenue to meet the anticipated cost of regulation. The department’s appropriation can be adjusted once the expenditure impact is more clearly determined.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary

8. Fiscal Implications: Although the registration of surgical assistants and technologists will have a fiscal impact on the Board of Medicine, the specific impact on regulatory fees cannot be determined. While the Department of Health Professions does not have an exact estimate, it maintains that there are approximately 500 surgical assistants and 2,000 surgical technicians in the Commonwealth. Therefore, it is assumed that registration and disciplinary costs for the Board of Medicine will increase by some amount. However, the anticipated revenue generated from renewal and application fees would offset these costs.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 2/17/14