

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2136

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

**2. Patron:** Taylor

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Request additional information before filling opiate prescriptions.

**5. Summary:** Requires a prescriber, at the time of initiating a new course of treatment for a patient that includes the prescribing of benzodiazepine or an opiate anticipated to last more than 30 consecutive days and for which a treatment agreement is entered into, to request information from the Director of the Department of Health Professions to determine what, if any, other covered substances are currently being prescribed to the patient. The bill also requires a prescriber to request such information at least once annually if such prescription remains part of the patient's treatment. The current law, which takes effect July 1, 2015, only requires a prescriber to request such information if the treatment with benzodiazepine or an opiate is anticipated to last more than 90 days and does not require additional requests for such information.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate, see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. This could increase the number of reports requested from the Prescription Monitoring Program. However, as the number of patients that this bill would apply to is unknown, an estimate cannot be provided as to whether this would impact workload or operations.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.