

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1227

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

2. Patron: McWaters

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Updates telemedicine services.

5. Summary: Amends the definition of telemedicine services to encompass the use of electronic technology or media, including interactive audio or video, for the purpose of diagnosing or treating a patient, consulting with other health care providers regarding a patient's diagnosis or treatment, or transmitting a patient's health care data. The measure also provides that an examination performed using telemedicine services shall be sufficient to meet the requirement for an "appropriate examination" and states that if a telemedicine services practitioner prescribes medication other than Schedule VI controlled substances to a patient, at least one in-person physical examination must have occurred.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This substitute bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The Department of Health Professions has stated that this bill would not impact operations.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB 2063, introduced by Delegate Kilgore, is a companion bill.