

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB562

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| 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 type="checkbox"/> Enrolled |

2. Patron: Robinson

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions.

4. Title: Licensure of massage therapists.

5. Summary: Requires that massage therapists be licensed, rather than certified, to practice in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Board of Nursing to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the act within 280 days, provides that any person holding a certificate to practice massage therapy prior to July 1, 2017, shall be deemed to be licensed thereafter and the Board of Nursing shall at the time of renewal provide such person a license, and provides that the provisions of the act other than those directing the Board of Nursing to promulgate regulations shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The costs for licensure would be the same as costs for certification and any additional costs for licensing and discipline would be offset by licensing and renewal fees.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.