

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 793

House of Origin	<input checked="" 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: Nurse practitioners; practice agreements.

5. Summary: Eliminates the requirement for a practice agreement with a patient care team physician for nurse practitioners who are licensed by the Boards of Medicine and Nursing and have completed at least 1,040 hours of clinical experience as a licensed, certified nurse practitioner. The bill replaces the term "patient care team physician" with the term "collaborating provider" and allows a nurse practitioner who is exempt from the requirement for a practice agreement to enter into a practice agreement to provide collaboration and consultation to a nurse practitioner who is not exempt from the requirement for a practice agreement. The bill establishes title protection for advanced practice registered nurses, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified nurse midwives, and clinical nurse specialists. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The total fiscal impact the provisions of this bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined at this time. The bill would create an additional work requirement on the Board of Nursing for the review of clinical practice hours performed by a nurse practitioner to qualify for full practice authority and to reissue a license stating as such. The bill provides that the Board may establish a fee for this activity, such fees will be established based on the anticipated workload and additional costs for regulation and will be set at a level sufficient to cover these costs. The agency does not have an estimate for the number of practitioners that would qualify under the legislation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.