

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 293

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

2. **Patron:** McClellan

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Dispensing of certain controlled substances and devices.

5. **Summary:** Authorizes a prescriber to dispense controlled substances and devices without obtaining a license from the Board of Pharmacy (the Board), provided that such controlled substances and devices have been prescribed for the purposes of reproductive health and are dispensed in good faith within the course of his professional practice. The bill provides that facilities from which prescribers dispense only such controlled substances and devices are not required to obtain a permit from the Board. The bill requires the Board to establish a list of controlled substances and devices that may be so dispensed that includes controlled substances and devices used for contraception, maternal health, hormone replacement therapy, and sexually transmitted and reproductive tract infections.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal, see item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The provisions of the bill authorize the Board to promulgate emergency regulations; however, this will not impact the Department of Health Professions (DHP) or its operations. DHP has stated that the cost of licensing prescribers and inspections of non-profit dispensing facilities will be partially offset by a reduced fee charged to prescribers for a limited license. The bill also states that a non-profit facility that obtains a limited license shall also obtain a limited-use permit. However, the bill exempts such non-profit facilities from paying a fee associated with obtaining and renewing a permit, and that total cost of regulating and inspecting can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.