

Department of Planning and Budget

2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 2363

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 Scott, Edward T.

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Equine dental technicians; registration

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires all equine dental technicians to register with the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Moreover, the bill sets forth procedures for (i) registration and (ii) denial, revocation, or suspension of registration. It also establishes a penalty for performing specified activities by an unregistered individual.

6. Fiscal Impact is Unknown (see item 8)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. The Department of Health Professions will adjust fee revenue to meet the anticipated cost of regulation. The department's appropriation can be adjusted once the expenditure impact is more clearly determined.

8. Fiscal implications: As introduced, the registration of equine dental technicians would require that every person who engages in the practice of planing or leveling equine teeth with manual tools to be registered with the Board of Veterinary Medicine and hold certification. The certification requirement would include farriers and blacksmiths who have historically planed horses' teeth with devices such as a rasp. Given the breadth of the requirement for registration, the Board has no estimate of how many persons would be affected, but fees for an application for registration and renewal of registration must cover the administrative, regulatory, investigative and disciplinary costs attributable to regulation of the practice of equine dentistry. The Board's intent would be to set sufficient fees in regulations for equine dental technicians and to avoid a fee increase for other regulated professions and entities.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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