

**Department of Planning and Budget
2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 153

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

2. Patron: O'Bannon

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Physical therapy; advertising prohibited if not a licensed physical therapist or assistant

5. Summary: This legislation makes it unlawful for any person to advertise or promote services as "physical therapy" or "physiotherapy" unless such services are provided by a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Section 54.1-3474, Code of Virginia makes it unlawful to practice physical therapy in the Commonwealth without a license. This bill would specify that advertising is also unlawful; however the number of complaints and disciplinary actions are not expected to increase significantly.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None

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