

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 346

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** O'Bannon, John M. III

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Nurse practitioners; practice as part of patient care teams

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation amends provisions governing the practice of nurse practitioners. The bill provides that nurse practitioners shall only practice as part of a patient care team, which shall include at least one patient care team physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth who provides management of and leadership in the care of a patient or patients. The bill also establishes requirements for written or electronic practice agreements for nurse practitioners, provides that physicians practicing as part of a patient care team may require nurse practitioners practicing as part of that patient care team to be covered by professional malpractice insurance, and amends requirements related to the prescriptive authority of nurse practitioners practicing as part of a patient care team.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. No Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The minimal fiscal impact associated with the required promulgation of regulations will be absorbed by the department.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 1/13/12

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