

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 898

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| <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:** Reeves, Bryce E.

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Practitioners; Board of Medicine to revoke license of certain

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation requires the Board of Medicine to revoke the license of a practitioner who engages in sexual contact with a patient under certain circumstances and provides that the person whose license has been revoked may not apply for reinstatement for five years.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required by this legislation, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.

**7. Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health Professions estimates that the proposal will increase the number of appeals brought before the Board of Medicine due to revocation requirement and the longer licensure revocation period (from three to five years). The cost of an appeal is highly variable and depends upon the complexity of the case. However the agency reports that a single highly complicated case could cost in excess of \$100,000. Regulatory fees generated by regulants of the Board of Medicine would have to cover any increase in expenses related to additional appeals. Whether it may become necessary to increase fees to cover such costs is unknown at this time.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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