

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB661

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Limitation of prosecutions; falsifying patient records.

5. Summary: Increases from one year to five years the statute of limitations on prosecutions for the misdemeanor of falsifying patient records with the intent to defraud.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: Insufficient data exist to determine how many, if any, additional convictions would result due to increasing the statute of limitations from one year to five years. However, any additional convictions could increase the number of Class 1 misdemeanor offenders in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's FY2012 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2013), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$30.06 per state inmate, per day in FY 2012.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails, State Compensation Board.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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