

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB 1227

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** McWaters

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Updates telemedicine services.

**5. Summary:** Amends the definition of telemedicine services to encompass the use of electronic technology or media, including interactive audio or video, for the purpose of diagnosing or treating a patient, consulting with other health care providers regarding a patient's diagnosis or treatment, or transmitting a patient's health care data. The measure also provides that an examination performed using telemedicine services shall be sufficient to meet the requirement for an "appropriate examination" and states that if a telemedicine services practitioner prescribes medication other than Schedule VI controlled substances to a patient, at least one in-person physical examination must have occurred.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The Department of Health Professions has stated that this bill would not impact operations.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** HB 2063, introduced by Delegate Kilgore, is a companion bill.