

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB957

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

2. Patron: Keam

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Board of Medicine; licensure of laser hair removal technicians.

5. Summary: Requires individuals who practice laser hair removal to be licensed by the Board of Medicine. The bill defines "laser hair removal" and establishes the Advisory Board on Laser Hair Removal to advise the Board of Medicine on this discipline. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2017.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact that this bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined at this time. The implementation of a new licensing program and another Advisory Board would have an impact on the work of the Board of Medicine. At least one additional staff in licensing would be necessary to handle applications and review of credentials. However, the agency does not have information on the number of laser hair technicians in the Commonwealth; therefore it is unknown whether fees for licensure would be suffice to cover the costs of regulation and discipline. The number of new complaints and investigations and the resulting administrative proceedings is also unknown but will involve additional expenditures for Enforcement, Administrative Proceedings, and the Board of Medicine. The Office of the Attorney General has stated that this bill would not have a fiscal impact on the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions and the Office of the Attorney General.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.