

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 511ER

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

2. Patron: Suetterlein

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: Optometry; scope of practice.

5. Summary: Provides that the practice of optometry includes the evaluation, examination, diagnosis, and treatment of abnormal or diseased conditions of the human eye and its adnexa by the use of medically recognized and appropriate devices, procedures, or technologies but that it does not include treatment through surgery, including laser surgery, other invasive modalities, or the use of injections, except for certain injections by TPA-certified optometrists and for the treatment of emergency cases of anaphylactic shock with intramuscular epinephrine. The bill authorizes a TPA-certified optometrist to administer therapeutic pharmaceutical agents by injection for the treatment of chalazia through a Schedule VI steroid provided that the optometrist has completed certain training requirements and has provided certification of such training to the Board of Optometry.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. Any additional workload resulting from the review of didactic and clinical injection course certifications can be absorbed within the Board of Optometry's existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.