

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1557

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: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Board of Pharmacy; cannabidiol oil and tetrahydrocannabinol oil; regulation of processors.

5. Summary: Alters the definitions of cannabidiol oil and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC-A) oil to remove the five percent cap on the concentration of THC permitted to be contained in each oil. The bill allows licensed physician assistants and licensed nurse practitioners to issue a written certification for use of cannabidiol oil and THC-A oil. The bill requires the Board to promulgate regulations establishing dosage limitations, which shall require that each dispensed dose of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil not exceed 10 milligrams and each dispensed package of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil not exceed 100 milligrams. The bill removes the requirement that a licensed pharmacist provide on-premises supervision of pharmaceutical processors and clarifies who may be employed by pharmaceutical processors and the regulations governing such employees.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item #8.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact this bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. The bill removes that five percent cap on the concentration of THC permitted to be contained in each oil. It is unknown whether removing the five percent THC limit would increase the number of persons seeking the oil and thus increase the demand on the program. The provisions of the bill would require the Board of Pharmacy to amend regulations, however this will not impact the agency or its operations.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.