# Department of Planning and Budget
## 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1506ER

   | **House of Origin** | ☐ Introduced | ☐ Substitute | ☐ Engrossed |
   | **Second House** | ☐ In Committee | ☐ Substitute | ☒ Enrolled |

2. **Patron:** Sickles

3. **Committee:** Passed both Houses.

4. **Title:** Pharmacists; prescribing, dispensing, and administration of controlled substances.

5. **Summary:** Allows a pharmacist to initiate treatment with and dispense and administer certain drugs and devices to persons 18 years of age or older in accordance with a statewide protocol developed by the Board of Pharmacy in collaboration with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health. The bill directs the Board of Pharmacy to establish such protocols by November 1, 2020, and to convene a workgroup to provide recommendations regarding the development of protocols for the initiating of treatment with and dispensing and administering of additional drugs and devices for persons 18 years of age and older. The bill also clarifies that an accident and sickness insurance policy that provides reimbursement for a service that may be legally performed by a licensed pharmacist shall provide reimbursement for the initiating of treatment with and dispensing and administration of controlled substances by a pharmacist when such initiating of treatment with or dispensing or administration is in accordance with regulations of the Board of Pharmacy.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal, see item #8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Any increase in workload associated with the promulgation of regulations can be absorbed within existing resources. The provisions of the bill could generate a number of complaints that would need to be investigated and adjudicated, however, it is estimated that the number of complaints would be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.