

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1506H1

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

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Education and Health.

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

5. Summary: Authorizes the prescribing, dispensing, and administration of certain controlled substances by a pharmacist, provided that such pharmacist prescribes, dispenses, or administers such controlled substances in accordance with a statewide protocol developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and set forth in regulations of the Board of Pharmacy. The bill 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 prescribing, dispensing, or administration of controlled substances by a pharmacist when such prescribing, dispensing, or administration is in accordance with regulations of the Board of Pharmacy.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item #8.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact that this bill, as amended, would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. The Board of Pharmacy has no experience with complaints that may arise from limited prescriptive authority for pharmacists, therefore, the amount of complaints cannot be determined. The department has indicated that it expects that any increase in workload associated with the workgroup can be absorbed within existing resources. This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Health, or the State Corporation Commission.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions, Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Health, and the State Corporation Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.