

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1562ER

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: Head

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Music therapy; licensure.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Social Work to adopt regulations establishing a regulatory structure to license music therapists in the Commonwealth and establishes an advisory board to assist the Board in this process. Under the bill, no person shall engage in the practice of music therapy or hold himself out or otherwise represent himself as a music therapist unless he is licensed by the Board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill. Any costs for the promulgation of regulations can be absorbed within existing resources. It is unknown as to how many individuals would seek licensure and therefore a fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. Depending on the increase in workload associated with the provisions of the bill, an additional licensing specialist may be needed. It is estimated that this position would cost an estimated \$64,875 annually. Fees for the licensure of music therapists would be set at a level sufficient to cover costs and the remaining can be absorbed with existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.