

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1737

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: Robinson

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Practice of optometry; licensing; regulations.

5. Summary: Reorganizes portions of the law regulating the practice of optometry and updates licensing requirements by removing specific requirements for the Board of Optometry's examination procedures and expands possible Board actions for the issuance, reprimand, revocation, and suspension of licenses. The bill specifies that any student, intern, or trainee in optometry may perform optometric services under the direct supervision of a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist as part of a course of study at an accredited institution of higher education and removes the option for the Board to approve alternative continuing education courses at the request of a licensee. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions or the Commonwealth.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.