

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1846

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

2. Patron: Head

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Medical marijuana program; product, registration, dispensing, and recordkeeping requirements.

5. Summary: Allows pharmacists who are employed by a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility to issue written certificates for cannabis products if the pharmacist (i) is acting as the agent of a practitioner, (ii) is acting pursuant to policies established by a practitioner who has contracted with a pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility to serve as the medical director of such pharmaceutical processor or cannabis dispensing facility, and (iii) has verified the patient's diagnosis with a practitioner with whom the patient has a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship. The bill amends and adds numerous provisions regarding the Commonwealth's medical marijuana program, including provisions related to recordkeeping, product registration, expiration dates, allowable deviations, dispensing, packing, labeling, and advertising. The bill requires pharmaceutical processors and cannabis dispensing facilities to collect and provide to the Board of Pharmacy by July 1, 2024, data regarding implementation of the bill. The bill also requires the Board of Pharmacy to make certain amendments to its regulations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation, as amended, would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions. Any costs to amend regulations can be handled within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.