

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1925

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: Hope

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Board of Medicine; licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.

5. Summary: Establishes criteria for the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants and directs the Board of Medicine to adopt regulations governing the practice of anesthesiologist assistants. The bill provides that no person shall use or assume the title "anesthesiologist assistant" or hold himself out as an anesthesiologist assistant unless such person holds a license as an anesthesiologist assistant issued by the Board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, item 301.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have a nongeneral fund impact on the Commonwealth. The Department of Health Professions would require one licensing specialist that would be responsible for processing anesthesiologist assistant licenses through the system and meet the provisions of the bill. It is estimated that the licensing specialist would cost approximately \$75,000 annually including fringe benefits. Fees for processing and licensing anesthesiologist assistants would be set at a level comparable to fees for professions licensed by the Board of Medicine and would cover the costs of the position. The Board is at capacity reviewing applications for the certified and licensed professions they presently regulate. Additionally, the Board has had tens of thousands of practitioners added over the last 15 years without an increase in staff to compensate for the increase in workload and therefore do not have sufficient staff to license this additional population.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.