

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1337

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Dunnavant

3. **Committee:** Rehabilitation and Social Services

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:** See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation, as amended, would have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions and the Board of Pharmacy. The provisions of the legislation would no longer require practitioners or pharmacists to register with the board. This will result in a loss of \$58,550 NGF for the pharmaceutical processor program per year.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.