

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB519

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: Mundon King

3. Committee: Health and Human Services

4. Title: Board of Medicine; unprofessional conduct.

5. Summary: Prohibits the Board of Medicine from taking disciplinary action against a doctor based on the alleged provision or receipt of abortion care that is not prohibited under the laws of the Commonwealth, regardless of where such abortion care was provided or received. The bill also specifies that grounds for refusal to issue a certificate or license to any applicant or to take disciplinary action for procuring or performing an abortion apply to such action only as it is prohibited by the laws of the Commonwealth. Under current law, such grounds for refusal or disciplinary action apply for procuring or performing a criminal abortion.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this legislation would have an indeterminate impact. The Department of Health Professions maintains that this legislation would prevent it from holding doctors responsible for breaches of standards of practice during the provision of an abortion procedure that is not prohibited by law. It cannot be determined whether the Board of Medicine could incur litigation costs for defending any alleged inability to uphold standards of practice. In the absence of litigation in Virginia, there would likely be no significant fiscal impact. The extent of any potential litigation costs is unknown.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.