

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 652 (Senator Hollinger)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

State Board of Pharmacy - Scope of Practice

This bill requires a nonresident pharmacy to obtain a pharmacy permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy in order to operate in the State. A pharmacist may only dispense or distribute pharmaceutical products from a pharmacy that holds a pharmacy permit issued by the board, unless otherwise approved by the board. The board may suspend the permit of a pharmacy or nonresident pharmacy for violating specified provisions in the bill until the pharmacy/nonresident pharmacy complies with the provisions. In addition, the bill makes numerous changes to (1) existing law standards of practice for pharmacists and pharmacies; and (2) provisions relating to licensure.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues would increase by \$7,500 annually beginning in FY 1998. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

| (in dollars) | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | FY 2000 | FY 2001 | FY 2002 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SF Revenues | \$7,500 | \$7,500 | \$7,500 | \$7,500 | \$7,500 |
| SF Expenditures | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Net Effect | \$7,500 | \$7,500 | \$7,500 | \$7,500 | \$7,500 |

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. Out-of-state mail-order pharmacies are not small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: Requiring out-of-state pharmacies to obtain a pharmacy permit would increase special fund revenues for the board by \$7,500 annually beginning in fiscal 1998. This estimate is based on an anticipated \$50 annual fee and 150 out-of-state mail-order pharmacies applying for the permit.

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