

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 579 (Senator Derr)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Environmental Matters

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**Licensed Physical Therapists and Licensed Physical Therapist Assistants -  
Licensed Chiropractors with Physical Therapy Privileges -  
Scope of Practice - Topical Pharmaceutical Agents**

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This amended bill specifies that licensed physical therapists, licensed physical therapist assistants, and licensed chiropractors with physical therapy privileges may apply to the skin topical pharmaceutical agents under certain specified circumstances. Only licensed physical therapists and licensed chiropractors with physical therapy privileges may procure topical pharmaceutical agents. A licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must allow the Division of Drug Control to enter and inspect the therapist's office at all reasonable hours.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** The level of business activity for licensed physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and chiropractors with physical therapy privileges, would increase since their scope of practice has increased under this bill.

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