

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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LRB Number 07-1706/1	Introduction Number SB-048
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Description
 Relating to: expanding types of volunteer health care providers to include pharmacists and pharmacy technicians

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, an individual who has been granted state status as a state agent under the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program (VHCPP) may be defended by the attorney general for acts performed during the lawful course of his or her duties. If a civil action arises out of an act committed by the provider during the course of that person's duties, the state provides legal counsel and any judgments against the provider are paid by the state and capped at \$250,000.

This bill designates as a state agent of the Department a pharmacist or pharmacy technician who provides voluntary, unpaid services at a nonprofit agency.

Liability claims against the state are paid from funds administered by the Department of Administration. The Department pays premiums to DOA for liability insurance. The Department paid \$772,686 for general liability insurance in SFY 06. It is possible that, if these individuals who become volunteer pharmacists or pharmacy technicians were added to the Department for liability purposes, the number of liability claims to the state would increase. If liability claims increased, the Department's liability premiums would also increase. It is not possible to project what the amount of this increase would be because the extent of possible increased liabilities is not known.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications