

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2593-01  
Bill No.: SB 701  
Subject: Health Care; Health Professionals; Licenses - Professional; Psychologists  
Type: Original  
Date: March 30, 2007

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Bill Summary: Creates licensing requirements for prescribing psychologists.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** state this proposal allows additional treatment personnel who have met educational and training requirements set by the Committee of Psychologists within the Department of Insurance, Financial and Professional Regulation to prescribe certain specific medications to their clients. This does not involve action on the part of the DMH, nor does it impose a fiscal impact on the DMH.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** state as written, the proposal does not include controlled substance prescription authority for the classification of licensed prescribing psychologist. Since controlled substance authority is not granted, the DOH is assuming no increase in the number of practitioners required to be registered by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Therefore, the proposal has no fiscal impact on the DOH.

If the proposal's intent was to grant such authority and changes are made to the proposal in later versions, then a fiscal impact will result to the DOH.

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial and Professional Regulation (DIFP)** state the proposal creates the classification of licensed prescribing psychologist under the State Committee of Psychologists and establishes licensing requirements. There would be a small amount of expense that would be offset by the application fee. Therefore, the DIFP assumes no fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** state the fiscal impact for this proposal is less than \$2,500. The SOS does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the SOS can sustain within its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the costs of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the Governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal may have a fiscal impact on small business psychologist offices if a psychologist decides to become a licensed prescribing psychologist.

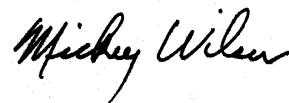
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Insurance, Financial and Professional Regulation  
Department of Mental Health  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Social Services  
Office of Secretary of State



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