



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 255

PRINTER'S NO: 2059

PRIME SPONSOR: Scavello

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 255 amends the Medical Practice Act of 1985 by requiring licensure for the practice of prosthetics, orthotics, orthotic fitting, or pedorthics.

This legislation provides for licensure qualifications and treatment requirements. Practitioners must renew licenses biennially. House Bill 255 allows for a two year "grandfathering clause" for practitioners who are currently certified or for those who have been actively practicing for three years immediately preceding the effective date.

Under House Bill 255, the State Board of Medicine (Board) will require licensees to pay a fee that will be established by regulation. Individuals seeking biennial license renewal to practice prosthetics, orthotics, pedorthics, or orthotic fittings will also be required to maintain liability insurance and to take continuing education courses.

The Board will promulgate regulations within 18 months of the effective date and the Board will begin enforcement upon publication of final regulations, or 24 months after the effective date, whichever arrives first.

The act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

According to the Department of State (Department), the enactment of House Bill 255 would result in estimated personnel costs of \$82,000 and estimated operating costs of \$5,500. Based on approximately 450 prosthetists, orthotists, orthotic fitters and pedorthists, the Department estimates the total cost per licensee biennially to be around \$194.00. Additional costs may be incurred for expert witness services for mental and physical examinations, hearings, etc.

The Department does not anticipate that there will be a need to increase licensure fees for the other licensees under the Board.

The Board has a restricted revenue account, under the Professional Licensure Augmentation restricted revenue account, which is funded solely from the fees and fines collected by the current licensing boards and commissions.

Because personnel costs, operating costs, and any other expenses will be funded by the Board, the enactment of House Bill 255 will not have a negative fiscal impact on the general fund of the Commonwealth.

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