



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1832

PRINTERS NO. 3111

PRIME SPONSOR: Sonney

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
State Board of Medicine Restricted Account	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Allows physician assistants to authenticate additional forms; eliminates the requirement that the State Board of Medicine approves written agreement; and gives flexibility regarding the frequency of physician review of patient records. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would amend Section 13 of the Medical Practice Act to do the following:

- Authorizes physician assistants to order athletic trainer referrals; sign and approve physicals for day-care, foster care and police officers; and authenticate any form that requires physician signature provided the supervising physician allows it.
- Modifies the current regulatory requirement that supervising physicians must review and countersign patients' medical records completed by their physician assistants at least every ten days. Allows the supervising physician to make the determination about how often he needs to review and countersign these records.
- Removes the requirement that the Board must approve the written agreement prior to the physician assistant being allowed to practice. The written agreement between a supervising physician and his physician assistant must still be filed with the Board, but the parties will not have to wait for Board approval to begin practicing together.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on the State Board of Medicine Restricted Account or the General Fund.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*