



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1348

PRINTERS NO. 1742

PRIME SPONSOR: Sonney

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
State Board of Medicine Restricted Account	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Establishes requirements for physician review of patient records completed by physician assistants. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

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

- Modifies the current regulatory requirement that supervising physicians must review and countersign all patients' medical records completed by their physician assistants within 10 days.
- Supervising physicians are required to review and countersign 100% of patient records within 10 days for the first 12 months of practice for newly graduated physician assistants and for physician assistants practicing in a new specialty. For experienced physician assistants who begin working under a new supervising physician, the 100% standard shall be required only for the first 6 months.
- For physician assistants who don't fall into one of the above categories, the supervising physician shall personally review on a regular basis a selected number of patient records. The physician shall select patient records for review based on criteria documented in the supervising physician and physician assistant's written agreement, and the number shall be sufficient to assure adequate review of the physician assistant's scope of practice.
- The written agreement must specifically describe the level of patient record reviews that will be provided.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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