



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 485

PRINTERS NO. 425

PRIME SPONSOR: Scarnati

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 485 amends the Crimes Code concerning impersonating a notary public or a holder of a professional or occupational license. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Under current law, impersonating a medical doctor is a misdemeanor of the second degree, as it is considered impersonating a holder of a professional license. This legislation makes it a misdemeanor of the first degree to impersonate a doctor of medicine if one, in so doing, provides medical advice or treatment to another person as a patient, regardless of whether or not the other person suffers harm from the medical advice or treatment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, during the six-year period from 2009 through 2014 a total of eight people were convicted of impersonating a notary public or a holder of a professional or occupational license. The Commission did not have data on how many were convicted for impersonating medical doctors. However, given this small number of convictions, it is unlikely enactment of this legislation will have an impact on state or local prison populations or expenditures.

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