



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

PRINTERS NO. 2066

PRIME SPONSOR: Nesbit

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 353, Printer's Number 2066, amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act to require electronic prescriptions of a Schedule II, III and IV controlled substance. This legislation is effective in one year.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 11(a) and (b) of the Controlled Substance Act to require all Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances to be prescribed by means of an electronic prescription.

Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances can be dispensed by means of a written prescription in the following situations:

- The prescriber is a veterinarian;
- There is a temporary technology problem which prevents electronic prescribing;
- The controlled substance is dispensed by a pharmacy located outside PA;
- The prescriber or health care facility does not have access to the internet or an electronic health record system; or
- The practitioner is treating a patient in an emergency department or a health care facility under circumstances when the practitioner reasonably determines that electronically prescribing would be impractical for the patient or would cause an untimely delay resulting in an adverse impact to the patient's medical care.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will 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.