

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 668

PRINTER NO. 1830

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Professional Licensure Augmentation Account

DATE INTRODUCED

May 4, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Gordner

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 668 amends the Optometric Practice and Licensure Act.

This bill amends the definition of "examination and diagnosis" to expand prescribing capabilities for optometrists. It also expands the definition of "practice of optometry" to include examination, diagnosis and treatment of all conditions including conditions of the anterior segment of the eye, but not include surgery with a scalpel or scissors, surgery with a laser or probe, and not to include prescription of schedule 1 or 2 substances with the exception of codeine and hydrocodone. An optometrists may order imaging tests for diagnosis and treatment of a disease or condition of the visual system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 668 will have no fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds.