

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB772

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Board of Pharmacy; cannabis registration.

5. Summary: The provisions of the bill removes the following requirement, “The Board shall promulgate regulations to implement the registration process. Such regulations shall include (i) a mechanism for sufficiently identifying the practitioner issuing the written certification, the patient being treated by the practitioner, his registered agent, and, if such patient is a minor or an incapacitated adult as defined in 3 18.2-369, the patient's parent or legal guardian; (ii) a process for ensuring that any changes in the information are reported in an appropriate timeframe; and (iii) a prohibition for the patient to be issued a written certification by more than one practitioner during any given time period.”

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of the bill would have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health Profession and the Board of Pharmacy. The Board of Pharmacy will have a loss of revenue from initial patient registration and renewal of registration estimated at approximately \$2.0 million annually (\$50 application fee X 40,000 estimate patient registrations). The Board is currently working to address an estimated 8,000 patient application backlog and has brought on temporary positions, part-time positions, and authorized overtime for existing staff to reduce the backlog. This loss in revenue can be somewhat offset by the elimination of these positions and overtime efforts. DHP has stated that the Board will be able to absorb the loss of revenue with existing resources and fees. It is unknown how many patients would apply for registration or renewal beyond FY 2024 when legalization goes into effect, therefore any potential loss of revenue in FY 2024 and beyond cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.