



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 188 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** December 2, 2015
Status: As Reported by Senate Health & Human Services **Sponsor:** Reps. Manning and Huffman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Pharmacist consult agreements, prescribing based on a remote examination, renewal of licenses and certificates by the Board of Nursing

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.
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Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Pharmacist consult agreements

The bill authorizes a pharmacist practicing under a consult agreement with a physician to administer or prescribe drugs and order blood tests. The bill also amends current law which outlines these pharmacist-physician consult agreements by creating a single process for establishing such agreements, and permits the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Medical Board to adopt rules regarding the standards and procedures for entering into consult agreements.

These provisions are not expected to create any discernible ongoing licensing and regulatory costs for the State Board of Pharmacy. Potential violators of the bill's prohibitions could be subject to the State Board of Pharmacy's disciplinary procedures.¹

¹The disciplinary sanctions the Board may take include revoking, suspending, or limiting the pharmacist's or intern's identification card; placing the pharmacist's or intern's identification card on probation; refusing to grant or renew the pharmacist's or intern's identification card; or imposing a monetary penalty or forfeiture not to exceed \$500. Any forfeiture collected would be deposited to the credit of Fund 4K90, the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund.

Prescribing based on a remote examination

The bill requires the State Medical Board to adopt rules governing the requirements for a physician to prescribe or personally furnish a prescription drug to a person on whom the physician has never conducted a clinical assessment, and who is at a location remote from the physician. The Medical Board does not expect this provision to have any direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.

Board of Nursing license renewal procedures

The bill makes changes to the law governing procedures for the renewal of certain licenses and certificates issued by the Ohio Board of Nursing. The Board of Nursing does not expect these changes will have any direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.

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