

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0054-01  
Bill No.: SB 73  
Subject: Health Care; Medical Procedures and Personnel; Physicians  
Type: Original  
Date: January 3, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

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### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development (DED) - Division of Professional Registration (DPR)** and the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation would amend the definition of “supervision” as it relates to physician assistants in subsection 1 (8) of Section 334.735. The supervising physician no longer needs to be in the same office facility, but must be immediately available to the physician assistant either personally or via telecommunications. The physician assistant can practice within thirty miles by road of the supervising physician (fifty miles for designated health professional shortage areas).

In subsection 5, a master’s degree in a health or medical science related field is added as an additional requirement for applicants who complete their physician assistant training after January 1, 2004.

Two new subsections have been added. Subsection 10 limits the number of licensed physician assistants under one supervising physician to three except physician assistant agreements of hospital employees. Subsection 11 requires a physician assistant to complete at least one month of practice with a supervising physician continuously present.

### DESCRIPTION (continued)

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

This proposal would not affect Total State Revenues.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development  
Division of Professional Registration  
Department of Social Services

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA  
Director  
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