

# FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Bill No:</b>	HB 770	<b>Printer's No:</b>	843	<b>Sponsor:</b>	DeLuca (D)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2019-20	2020-21 (First Full Year)
General Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	\$507,000

**SUMMARY:** This bill requires pharmacy technicians and trainees to register with the State Board of Pharmacy and possess an unrestricted registration to practice as a pharmacy technician, and provides for temporary permits for pharmacy technician trainees.

**ANALYSIS:** Currently, there is no requirement that pharmacy technicians or pharmacy technician trainees register with or be licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy. HB 770 requires technicians to work under the direct, immediate supervision, as defined by the bill, of a licensed pharmacist. For a biennial pharmacy technician registration to be issued by the board, the applicant must:

- Be fit and able to practice as defined in the bill;
- Have no convictions for offenses defined in the bill;
- Be at least 17 years old and possess a high school diploma or equivalent;
- Complete a board-approved pharmacy technician training program; and
- Submit to a criminal history record check as required by the board.

For a two-year pharmacy technician trainee temporary permit, the applicant shall work under the direct, immediate supervision, as defined by the bill, of a licensed pharmacist and:

- Have no convictions for offenses defined in the bill;
- Be at least 16 years old; and
- Submit to a criminal history record check.

This bill would allow those already practicing as a pharmacy technician for at least one year of the two-year period immediately preceding the effective date of this bill to not comply with the 17 years old age requirement and the training program requirement, provided the individual applies within one year of implementation.

The State Board of Pharmacy shall be responsible for renewing, refusing, and revoking these registrations. The board shall also establish a registration fee by regulation. Final regulations shall be promulgated within 18 months of the effective date of the act, and registration requirements shall be effective one year following promulgation.

This bill is effective in 60 days.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** The costs associated with this bill would be covered by application fees set by the board.

In the first two years of implementation, the Department of State would incur an annual cost of \$507,000 to develop infrastructure and promulgate regulations. In year three when the board begins accepting applications, the department would incur annualized costs of \$507,000 for continued infrastructure development and \$750,000 for eight filled positions.

During full implementation starting in year four, in order to meet the oversight requirements of the bill, the Department of State would need an estimated 15 new staff positions at an annual cost of \$1.532 million to license 34,000 pharmacy technician registrations. In addition, the department would incur \$507,000 in infrastructure costs. The total cost of the bill would be \$2.04 million, covered by application fees.

Number of Pharmacy Technicians	Annual Cost	Biennial Fee
34,000	\$1.532 million	\$90
34,000	\$2.04 million (recurring infrastructure cost)	\$120

To cover the cost of the bill, 34,000 current pharmacy technicians would need to pay a biennial fee ranging from \$90 to \$120.