

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 136 - SB 852

March 29, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires anyone collecting a specimen for a drug or alcohol test to be in good standing as a health care professional licensed or certified as a medical or osteopathic physician, x-ray operator, acupuncturist, nurse, pharmacist or physician assistant that has never been convicted of any alcohol or drug related offense.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

#### Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Specimen collections for alcohol and drug tests are not regulated by the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act because they are not used in the treatment of ailments and diseases.
- Tests are performed at “collection stations” licensed by the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board, hospitals and doctors’ offices. The testing personnel are often unlicensed and are not required to be so, since the tests are not used in healthcare treatment.
- Any increase in expenditures to regulate specimen collections for alcohol and drug tests would not be significant.
- Could increase the costs of performing the tests for the entities requesting them.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director