

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3872 - HB 4017

March 6, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any typed or computer-generated prescription by a nurse practitioner be legible and comprehensible and contain certain information. Requires the nurse practitioner to sign the prescription on the date it is issued.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The provisions of the bill do not require that all prescriptions by nurse practitioners be typed or computer-generated.
- The Board of Nursing could incur an increase in expenditures due to increased disciplinary investigations and actions if the provisions of the bill are not followed. Any increase would be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-3-1011 and 63-1-137, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period.
- According to the Department of Health, the Board of Nursing has been operating under a cumulative balance of \$1,126,000 since June 30, 2007.

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

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