

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 505 - HB 597

February 26, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds the following professions to the list of practitioners required to display proof of licensure at their place of practice: podiatrist, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, psychologist, acupuncturist, and certified professional midwife. Adds additional titles that practitioners are authorized to use. Requires practitioners affirmatively to communicate their specific licensure by wearing a photo identification or by providing their full name and licensure type in writing on the patient's initial office visit. Requires practitioners who practice in more than one office to comply with the requirements in each practice setting. Requires practitioners who advertise on the Internet to prominently display their full name and licensure type.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, rulemaking and any resulting disciplinary action against practitioners who violate the provisions of this section can be accomplished during regularly scheduled board meetings and will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period.
 - As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners had a balance of \$173,333.19.
 - As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Dentistry had a balance of \$1,307,071.06.
 - As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Medical Examiners had a balance of \$890,444.43.
 - As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Optometry had a balance of \$231,839.68.
 - As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Osteopathic Examiners had a balance of \$95,105.43.
 - As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners had a balance of \$92,252.35.
 - As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Nursing had a balance of \$322,946.32.
 - As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Physician Assistants had a balance of \$58,369.76.

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- As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Psychology had a balance of \$291,213.60.
- As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Acupuncture had a balance of \$35,124.92.
- As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Midwifery had a deficit of \$1,713.72. The Board had a balance of \$7,948.47 in FY09-10 and a balance of \$5,115.39 in FY08-09.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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