

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1737 - SB 2284

March 16, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces, from six months to two months, the period of time between prescription refills for a Schedule III or IV drug prescription. Reduces, from five times to four times, the number of Schedule III or IV refills allowed prior to a renewed prescription by an authorizing practitioner.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, this will have no significant impact on the Department or the Board of Pharmacy.
- This bill could potentially result in an increase in the number of doctor visits made by plan subscribers in order to refill prescriptions of Schedule III or IV substances.
- According to the Bureau of TennCare, any increase in costs from doctor visits by plan subscribers will be offset by a decrease in costs due to the expectation that there will be a steady drop in the over-utilization of such medications and complications associated with the medications.
- There will be no significant impact on plans administered by the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Benefits Administration.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Pharmacy had closing balances of \$85,209 in FY11-12, \$296,813 in FY12-13, and a closing reserve balance of \$1,226,220 on June 30, 2013.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



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