

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1800 - SB 2382

March 8, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes any person who holds a master's degree or who holds a bachelor's degree and is supervised by a physician to serve as a medical laboratory director with a restricted license at a hospital with 30 beds or less; provided the person meets all other qualifications of medical laboratory directors.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013425): Deletes all language of the bill except for the effective date clause. Authorizes any physician or osteopathic physician to serve as a medical laboratory director with a restricted license for a hospital with 30 beds or less. Authorizes any such director to delegate day-to-day operation of the laboratory to a medical laboratory supervisor. Authorizes any person who holds a bachelor's degree in a related scientific field to serve as a medical laboratory supervisor with a restricted license for a hospital with 30 beds or less if such person meets all other qualifications of medical laboratory supervisors. Authorizes the Medical Laboratory Board to issue limited medical laboratory director and limited medical laboratory supervisor licenses.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board rule 1200-06-01-.20, any individual wishing to become a medical laboratory director must, at a minimum be a physician, hold a doctoral degree, or pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-29-137, be a licensed dentist.
- Any person to whom this legislation applies is assumed to currently be a medical laboratory supervisor, medical laboratory technologist, medical laboratory technician, or special analyst, possessing the appropriate license required by each title.
- Pursuant to the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board rule 1200-06-01-.06(3), licensure fee amounts are the same regardless of whether the applicant is seeking licensure to

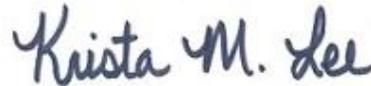
HB 1800 - SB 2382

become a medical laboratory director, medical laboratory supervisor, medical laboratory technologist, medical laboratory technician, or special analyst.

- This legislation will not result in an increase in the number of personnel licenses issued by the Medical Laboratory Board.
- The Medical Laboratory Board will not collect any additional revenue nor incur any additional expenditures as a result of this legislation.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two year period. The Medical Laboratory Board had surpluses of \$41,312 in FY13-14, \$124,137 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,413,429 on June 30, 2015.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

/jdb