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FISCAL NOTE

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES * | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | FY 2007-08 | | FY 2008-09 | |
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| CASH FUNDS | 233,968 | 215,120 | 199,088 | 169,667 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 233,968 | 215,120 | 199,088 | 169,667 |

^{*}Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

The original bill as amended, requires in-home personal care workers to meet the following requirements: 1) be age 18 or older, 2) have good moral character, 3) not have a conviction of a crime resulting in a prison sentence of more than one year and 4) no adverse findings on the child abuse registry or Adult Protective Services Central Registry. This bill would require in-home personal services agencies to perform criminal history record checks on each worker and check the driving records of each worker. The bill restricts in-home personal care service workers from performing services which require the exercise of nursing judgment or medical judgment. In-home service workers may direct or provide reminders to clients to self-administer medications or assist in the application of nontherapeutic topical ointments. These provisions do not have a fiscal impact. The bill as amended does not have a fiscal impact.

Another provision amended into the bill establishes the Perfusion Practice Act. The bill would require anyone who practices perfusion in the state to be licensed. The bill also creates a six-member Board of Perfusion. An additional half-time health licensing coordinator, reimbursement to board members and rule and regulation changes are needed. The cost would be \$31,848 in FY 08 and \$29,421 in FY 09 from cash funds. Revenue in FY 08 is anticipated to be \$13,000. Renewals in FY 2010 are anticipated to be \$9,000.

The Pharmacy Technician Act was also amended into this bill. It defines what a pharmacy technician is and what a technician is allowed to do. The Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure is required to develop and maintain a pharmacy technician registry. Pharmacy technicians are required to register with the state and pay a biennial fee, not to exceed \$50.

The department estimates that approximately 5,000 technicians would register. The regulation of pharmacy technicians would require four additional FTEs: one licensure coordinator, one licensing specialist, one staff assistant and one investigator. The cost will be \$202,120 in FY 08 and \$169,667 in FY 09. Fees would be set at a level to cover costs.