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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2225

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

The bill would repeal the current requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy provide or arrange for a pharmacist to act as a pharmacist consultant for a renal dialysis facility pharmacy when a consultant is not otherwise available. The bill also would relieve the Board of Pharmacy of the requirement that it help a renal dialysis facility pharmacy in locating a suitable pharmacist consultant.

Background

Currently, the Pharmacy Act imposes duties on the Board of Pharmacy regarding services to renal dialysis facilities. The statute requires a renal dialysis facility that keeps prescription drugs at the facility to be registered as a "renal dialysis facility pharmacy." Such a pharmacy must be supervised by a pharmacist consultant who serves as the pharmacist in charge. Under current law, if a pharmacist consultant is not available to a renal dialysis facility, the Board is required to provide or to make arrangements for a pharmacist to act as a pharmacist consultant for the facility. In addition, the statute requires the Board to assist the pharmacy with locating a suitable pharmacist consultant.

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Board of Pharmacy. In testimony to the House Committee, a representative of the Board noted that the Board is not required to provide similar employment-related services to other types of pharmacies. In addition, the Board's representative

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noted that the Board has not received a request to provide those services.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget for the bill states that the Board has not been asked to provide the service described in the statute and that no funding is included in the agency's budget for the purpose. The fiscal note goes on to say that if the Board were asked to provide a consultant, the cost would be a minimum of \$80,000 per year.