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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3988	Signed by Governor on July 2, 2024
<b>Author:</b>	Davis	
<b>Subject:</b>	Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House of Representatives	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Wren	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	July 25, 2024	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill makes changes to the Pharmacy Practice Act to allow pharmacists to delegate certain tasks to trained pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns. The bill also lowers the vaccine recipient age from eighteen to sixteen for when a pharmacist may administer a vaccine without a written order from a practitioner and makes changes to the protocol for administering vaccines to individuals under the age of eighteen. Additionally, the bill authorizes pharmacy technicians who have the required certifications and training to administer vaccinations under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and amends the certification and training requirements for pharmacy interns to administer vaccines. The bill further increases the number of members of the Board of Pharmacy from nine to ten.

This bill will increase Other Funds expenses of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) by an amount up to \$3,500 beginning in FY 2024-25 for expenses related to the additional member of the Board of Pharmacy. LLR further indicates that expanding the definition of informed consent as it relates to vaccinations for individuals under the age of eighteen will have no expenditure impact since the new provisions are current practice of the Board of Pharmacy.

The Board of Pharmacy is under the Division of Professional and Occupation Licensing. Proviso 81.3 of the FY 2024-25 Appropriations Act requires LLR to remit annually to the General Fund an amount equal to 10 percent of expenditures unless the board has an overall negative ending cash balance. Therefore, this bill will increase General Fund revenue by an amount up to \$350 beginning in FY 2024-25 for expenses related to the additional member of the Board of Pharmacy.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Signed by Governor on July 2, 2024**

#### **State Expenditure**

This bill makes changes to the Pharmacy Practice Act to allow pharmacists to delegate the initiation, ordering, and administration of certain tests to trained pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns. The bill also lowers the vaccine recipient age from eighteen to sixteen for when a pharmacist may administer a vaccine without a written order and makes changes to the

protocol for administering vaccines to individuals under the age of eighteen. The bill further defines the term informed consent as it relates to vaccine and treatment. Additionally, the bill authorizes pharmacy technicians who have the required certifications and training to administer vaccinations under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and amends the certification and training requirements for pharmacy interns to administer vaccines. Further, the bill increases the number of members of the Board of Pharmacy from nine to ten.

LLR indicates that this bill will increase Other Funds expenses by an amount up to \$3,500 beginning in FY 2024-25 for expenses related to the additional member of the Board of Pharmacy. This amount is based on average expenses of members of the Board of Pharmacy. LLR further indicates that expanding the definition of informed consent as it relates to vaccinations for individuals under the age of eighteen will have no expenditure impact since the new provisions are current practice of the Board of Pharmacy.

### **State Revenue**

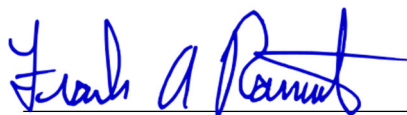
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### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

### **Local Revenue**

N/A



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