

# FISCAL NOTE

March 27, 2017

<b>Bill No:</b>	HB 454	<b>Printer's No:</b>	475	<b>Sponsor:</b>	DeLuca (D)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

<b>Fund (s)</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
General Fund	\$ 0	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** The bill would require pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees to register biennially with the State Board of Pharmacy.

**ANALYSIS:** Currently, there is no requirement that pharmacy technicians or pharmacy technician trainees register with or be licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy. The bill would require that the technicians and trainees register with the Board. Technicians and trainees would work under the direct, immediate supervision, as defined by the bill, of a licensed pharmacist. Technicians and trainees would need to meet the following requirements in order to obtain work permits:

- Be at least 17 years old and possess a high school diploma or its equivalent for technicians;
- Be at least 16 years old for trainees;
- Complete a board-approved training program; and
- Not have any drug or alcohol problems or drug-related felony convictions.

The bill would allow those already practicing as a pharmacy technician on or before the effective date of the bill to obtain a work permit if they do not meet the age or training program requirements.

The Board would promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill, including the application fee, within 18 months of the effective date of the bill.

The act would take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The costs associated with the bill would be covered by the application fees set by the Board. In order to meet the requirements of the bill, the Department of State estimates it would have to hire 15 new positions, for a total salary and benefit cost of \$1,486,789, and would have operating costs of \$507,335. The total cost of the bill would be \$1,994,124.