

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Kraft-Tharp Sen. Newell	Bill Status: House Health, Insurance and Environment
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT THAT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PROVIDE REQUIRED DISCLOSURES ORALLY AND MODIFYING THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal - see State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill makes modifications to the regulation of mental health professionals. It eliminates the requirement that certain mandatory disclosures be made orally, while retaining written disclosures. It also clarifies requirements about the existing mental health professional peer health assistance program. Specifically, it requires the director of the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to review the fee and adjust it by program use rather than inflation. Further, the bill requires a program provider to notify the State Board of Psychologist Examiners when a licensed professional has completed his or her treatment.

State Expenditures

Overall, this bill has a minimal impact on state agency workload. This bill will increase workload for DORA by requiring it to revise its rules. Other state agencies that employ mental health professionals, such as the Department of Human Services, will no longer be required to make certain disclosures orally. These changes will not require an adjustment in appropriations for any state agency.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies