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STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Becker Bill Status: House Public Health Care and

Sen. Roberts Human Services

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SHORT TITLE: TELEPHARMACY REMOTE PHARMACY OUTLET

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

^{*} This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

Telepharmacy outlets deliver pharmaceutical care to patients who communicate remotely with outlets. The bill expands the definition of "other outlets" licensed to engage in pharmacy practice to include telepharmacy outlets. A telepharmacy outlet must be located more than 20 miles from the nearest prescription drug outlet and from any other telepharmacy that may prescribe medication under the bill. A pharmacy practitioner cannot own or have an ownership interest in a telepharmacy outlet.

State Expenditures

The State Board of Pharmacy, within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) promulgates rules and monitors "other outlets" with prescriptive authority. The DORA will be required to make changes to existing rules to reflect the new definition of "other outlets" and update applications and other materials. The DORA will update existing applications and rules within the normal course of business and the bill does not require new appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies