

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Lee
 Sen. Nicholson

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE DEADLINE FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE WHO WAS GRANTED PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2010, TO DEVELOP AN ARTICULATED PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF RETAINING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures Section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect April 2, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows the State Board of Nursing (board) to extend the deadline to September 30, 2012, for advanced practice nurses (APNs) to develop an articulated plan for safe prescribing. APNs seeking an extension must submit to the board an application, the required fee, a signed verification that he or she developed an articulated plan by or had an existing collaborative agreement with a physician on July 1, 2011. An articulated plan documents how the APN intends to maintain ongoing collaboration with physicians and guides the APN's prescriptive practice. APNs who were granted prescriptive authority prior to July 1, 2010, were required to develop their plans by July 1, 2011. APNs who missed the deadline lost their prescriptive authority.

State Expenditures

The board will modify its rules to implement the bill during a regular board meeting. The requests for extensions require minimal staff review and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies