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SB-302

AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	93,667	93,667
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	30,664	30,664
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact and results in the following impact. The amendment allows telehealth providers to prescribe schedule II and III controlled substances through the use of telehealth for treatment of a psychiatric disability and results in a cost and potential revenue gain to the state.

The amendment increases the number of providers prescribing controlled substances into the state including those who may reside

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 36.33% of payroll in FY 19 and FY 20.

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outside of the state, which makes investigations more complicated due to the challenge of obtaining behavioral health records. The Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) is responsible for investigating and monitoring the prescribing of schedule II and III controlled substances and would need to hire a Drug Control Agent (\$84,405 salary, \$30,664 fringe benefits, and \$9,262 in associated other expenses) due to the increased investigation and monitoring responsibilities.

The amendment also results in a potential revenue gain to the extent that fines are assessed by DCP for non-compliance with schedule II and III prescription drug regulations. The Commissioner of DCP may impose a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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