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sSB-1059

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE  
OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER  
PROTECTION.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 8188)

Senate Calendar No.: 102

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

The bill allows pharmacists and pharmacist interns to access the Health Assistance InterVention Education Network (HAVEN)<sup>1</sup> beginning on 10/1/23, which does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities because HAVEN is supported through insurance billing, out-of-pocket payments,<sup>2</sup> and the Department of Public Health's non-appropriated, non-lapsing Professional Assistance Program account.<sup>3</sup> Beginning in FY 26, the bill raises the fees for certain pharmacist licenses by \$5 and deposits the extra revenue into a Pharmacy Professional Assistance Program account to support the HAVEN services accessed by pharmacists and pharmacy interns, which

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<sup>1</sup>HAVEN is a nonprofit organization that supports the recovery of health care professionals who have a chemical dependency, an emotional or behavioral disorder, or a physical or mental illness.

<sup>2</sup>HAVEN evaluations may be out-of-pocket expenses if they are not covered by the health care professional's health insurance plan. Ongoing care and treatment are coordinated, when possible, with an in-network provider. Toxicology testing is out-of-pocket. HAVEN's administrative fees are paid by the professional and, when in a contract, the monthly fee is \$150 to \$175.

<sup>3</sup>The Department of Public Health's Professional Assistance Program account is funded through a \$5 fee on the license renewals for certain health care professions. This account has provided payments to HAVEN totaling \$723,874 in FY 21, \$814,540 in FY 22, and \$827,840 in FY 23 through 5/1/23.

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Senate "A" struck the language of the underlying bill, replacing it with language resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

### ***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

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