Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1253 **Patron:** Bagby
Bill Title: Unlawful designation as Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Bill Summary: Adds to the list of titles that are unlawful to use without a license, ''D.P.T.'' and ''Doctor of Physical Therapy.'' This bill also removes the titles ''P.T.T.'' and ''Physical Therapy Technician'' from the current list.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** n/a
Explanation: See fiscal analysis below. This bill does not require that language updates be made to the proposed Appropriation Act.

Fiscal Summary: Any impacts to state agencies resulting from this bill are indeterminate. See fiscal analysis below.

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Health Professions' Enforcement Division is able to investigate complaints regarding unlicensed individuals who are practicing in a professional or occupational field where a DHP license is required. If DHP receives complaints about individuals practicing under the titles "D.P.T." or "Doctor of Physical Therapy" without a license, there may be costs to the Enforcement Division to investigate such complaints; however, the regularity of such investigations cannot be determined at this time.

Any individuals found to be in violation of the provisions of this bill may further be subjected to legal action conducted by their local Commonwealth's Attorney office; the cost to such offices is indeterminate at this time.

Other: n/a