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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Pharmacists as Providers      SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Wilson

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)  
 Regulation & Licensing Department (RLD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

The House Business & Industry Committee substitute to House Bill 577 amends the Health Maintenance Organization Law as follows:

- Adds definitions of “pharmacist” and “pharmacist clinician”.
- Includes the services of pharmacists and pharmacist clinicians in the definition of “basic health care services”.
- Includes in the definition of “health care services” pharmaceutical services.
- Includes the services of a pharmacist and pharmacist clinician in the definition of “provider”.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

RLD notes pharmacists and pharmacist clinician services are not typically included in contracts of health insurance providers. Pharmacists and pharmacist clinicians provide valuable services to the citizens of this state through medication management, disease management and expanded

practice including immunizations, tobacco cessation, and emergency contraception. Pharmacists are practicing in locations throughout this state giving citizens improved health care access. Persons many times are not able to utilize this valuable health care resource because their insurance providers will not reimburse the pharmacists for their service.

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