

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB1843</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>See below</b>

**Research Analysis**

The floor amendment to HB 1843 restores previously stricken language in Section 3, allowing the Insurance Commissioner to censure, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license of or levy a civil penalty against any person licensed under the insurance laws of this state for any violation of the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Act.

The amendment also allows for the Attorney General to recommend that a pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) be censured if they are found in violation of the measure, and requires that the Insurance Commissioner take the recommended action.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

In its current form, HB1843 requires the Attorney General's office to enforce the provisions of the Patients Right to Pharmacy Choice Act. Officials from the Office of the Attorney General expect to need to hire the following additional staff as a result of this measure:

- Four attorneys
- Two Administrative Law Judges
- Three CPAs/Financial Examiners
- Two Investigators
- Two support staff

The associated cost is estimated to be approximately \$1.6 million. There are no other consideration to the state budget. Therefore, the estimated fiscal impact to the state budget is \$1.6 million. The floor amendment should not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

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**Other Considerations**

None.