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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair  
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### AB 1533 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Pharmacy

**Version:** July 13, 2021

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 26, 2021

**Policy Vote:** B., P. & E.D. 12 - 0

**Mandate:** Yes

**Consultant:** Janelle Miyashiro

**Bill Summary:** AB 1533 extends the operation of the Board of Pharmacy from January 1, 2022 to 2026 and makes other changes to the Pharmacy Law recommended during the joint sunset review of the Board.

### \*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE \*\*\*\*\*

The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021

**Fiscal Impact:** Ongoing annual costs of approximately \$31.15 million (Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund) and 122.7 positions to support the continued operation of the Board of Pharmacy's licensing and enforcement activity.

The Board of Pharmacy notes:

- Annual cost of \$118,000 to complete workgroup requirements, update forms and applications to reflect changes in various licensing programs, and develop educational materials and regulations as the Board determines is necessary.
- Unknown fiscal impact to the Board's revenues, which may be offset by the increased fine provisions.
- Information technology cost of approximately \$5,000 to the Office of Information services to create new enforcement codes, which may be absorbable through the redirection of existing maintenance resources.

### Committee Amendments:

- Modify the fine structure for repeated violations, as specified, to cap a third or subsequent violation at \$100,000 per violation.
- Specify that the Board may fine a chain community pharmacy up to \$250,000 for any intentional violation of the Pharmacy Law demonstrated to be the result of a written policy or which was expressly encouraged by the common owner or manager.

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