



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1500

PRINTERS NO. 2108

PRIME SPONSOR: Bear

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1500, Printer's Number 2108, amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) consolidating the Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals Act as an additional chapter. Language is added to clarify from where the pharmaceuticals are shipped and how they are to be secured. This bill shall take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) consolidating the Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals Act (Act 114 of 2008) as a new chapter, further clarifying that only individuals eligible for benefits provided by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs are eligible for the program under this chapter. Language is added to clarify that the pharmaceuticals delivered to eligible individuals in a long-term care facility are from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

The bill also expands upon the definition of "lockbox" as a cabinet, safe, container or other structure to contain medications that shall be securely locked, substantially constructed and accessible only to the pharmacist or his representative as authorized by the regulations of the State Board of Pharmacy. It further states that medications be mailed directly to the lockbox in the patient's name located at the facility for the purpose of repackaging, relabeling and dispensing.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on the Commonwealth Funds. The bill does not change or modify the implementation of the Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals Act or the duties and costs related to the respective agencies.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.