



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2082

PRINTERS NO. 2951

PRIME SPONSOR: Gregory

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	\$1,312,000

SUMMARY: House Bill 2082, Printer's Number 2951, increases the monthly amounts for recipients who receive support from the blind veteran's pension and the amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension programs.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Sections 7701(b) and 7702(a) of Title 51 (Military Affairs) to increase the monthly pension amount from \$150 to \$200 that eligible veterans would receive under the Blind Veterans' Pension and the Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans' Pension programs as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). The section states that the Adjutant General shall have the power, and it shall be his duty to determine the eligibility of every applicant for a pension, and his decision is final.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would increase the monthly pension payments by \$50 for each eligible veteran from \$150 to \$200 and require increasing the General Fund appropriations administered by the DMVA to support these programs.

For example, the Blind Veterans' Pension and the Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans' Pension programs received \$222,000 and \$3.714 million respectively in FY2019-20. It is projected this bill would require an additional \$1.312 million to cover all pension payments above the current program and provide a total of \$296,000 for Blind Veterans' Pensions and \$4.952 million for Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans' Pensions, but these amounts are dependent upon the number of claims processed by each program.

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