



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2127

PRINTER'S NO. 3258

PRIME SPONSOR: Fiedler

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

This legislation allows hospitals, birthing centers, physicians, and midwives or nurse-midwives to provide patients with a fact sheet regarding postpartum depression and counseling resources.

### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2127, Printer's Number 3258 allows a hospital, birth center, physician, and midwife or nurse-midwife to provide patients with the fact sheet and the resource list for organizations that provide prenatal and postpartum counseling and assistance for perinatal or postpartum mood and anxiety disorder (PMAD).

- This legislation requires the Department of Health to publish the following materials on its Internet website:
  - o **Resource List:** This list shall include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of professional organizations that provide prenatal and postpartum counseling and assistance for PMAD.
  - o **Fact Sheet:** This sheet shall include common symptoms of the medical conditions of PMAD.
  - o Both the resource list and the fact sheet shall be available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese, and other language deemed appropriate by the department.
- Establish a public awareness campaign to educate the general public about the nature, causes, and health implications of PMADs. This campaign shall cover the symptoms, coping strategies, and the most effective means of treatment for PMAD.

This legislation shall take effect in 240 days after enactment.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Assuming this legislation is enacted in June 2024, the Department of Health would need to publish the resource list and establish the public awareness campaign in February 2025. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact for 2023/24.

For 2024/25, this legislation may have an increased administrative cost for the department for them to establish and publish the resource list and the fact sheet on its internet website, and to establish a public awareness campaign to educate public about PMADs. However, any increase in administrative costs is not able to be determined at this time, and therefore, the fiscal impact to the commonwealth is indeterminate.

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