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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 17, 2012

AN ACT

1 Providing funding to the Department of Military and Veterans  
2 Affairs for the purpose of providing current service members  
3 and veterans with access to high definition fiber tracking  
4 diagnostic tool.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the HDFT for  
9 Veterans Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of Military and Veterans  
15 Affairs of the Commonwealth.

16 "Eligible center." A Department of Military and Veterans  
17 Affairs service center that regularly provides veterans with  
18 retraining, employment, educational and homelessness assistance.

1 "HDFT." High Definition Fiber Tracking.

2 Section 3. Military members and veterans.

3 (a) Diagnosis.--Any military veteran or active duty, reserve  
4 or combat member who has been preliminarily diagnosed with  
5 symptoms of traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic stress shall  
6 be eligible to receive diagnostic treatment through the use of  
7 the new HDFT technology using equipment located in Pennsylvania.

8 (b) Eligible centers.--The military veteran shall visit an  
9 eligible center in order to begin the process for the use of the  
10 diagnostic technology.

11 Section 4. Regulations.

12 The department shall promulgate regulations for the  
13 implementation of this act. The regulations shall allow for the  
14 maximum number of veterans and active members to be able to use  
15 the HDFT technology.

16 Section 5. Funding.

17 All funds appropriated under this act and for the  
18 implementation of this act shall be sent to the department for  
19 distribution to all eligible centers. The amount shall be  
20 distributed proportionally based on the number of veterans  
21 served at each eligible center. The money received by each  
22 eligible center shall be used to pay for the cost of the use of  
23 the diagnostic technology, travel expenses and other  
24 administrative costs directly caused by the new requirements  
25 imposed by this act.

26 Section 6. Appropriation.

27 The sum of \$6,000,000, or as much thereof as may be  
28 necessary, is appropriated to the department for the fiscal year  
29 July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, to carry out the provisions  
30 of this act.

1 Section 7. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.