



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 312

PRINTER'S NO: 1196

PRIME SPONSOR: Gingrich

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
Commonwealth Funds	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 312 establishes a freestanding act known as the Long-Term Care Consumer Notification Act, requiring long term care providers to make certain information available to consumers and their designated persons. Long-term care providers include facilities (nursing facilities, personal care homes, assisted living residences, continuing care facilities and domiciliary care facilities) as well as home and community-based providers (home health care agencies, home care agencies, and state-approved home and community based waiver providers).

Each provider must display the following information: the license, certification or other approval from the Commonwealth agency responsible for overseeing its operations; notices of enforcement actions undertaken against the provider; and the Commonwealth's internet website where consumers can find information pertaining to the state licensing agency, with specific reference to inspection reports and agency contact information. Whenever a provider receives a notice of enforcement action by the state licensing agency, the provider must provide a summary of the notice to every consumer's designated person within seven days, where feasible.

Compliance with this act shall operate as a condition of licensure, certification or approval of a provider.

This act shall take effect in one year.

ANALYSIS:

The mandatory posting and disclosure requirements for providers would have no impact on Commonwealth funds. It is anticipated that state licensing agencies can carry out their enforcement responsibilities with existing resources. Consequently, enactment of House Bill 312 would have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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