



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 821

PRINTER'S NO: 1277

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

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

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 821 establishes a freestanding act known as the Long-Term Care Consumer Relocation Coordination Act, providing disclosure and coordination requirements for long term care facilities, state licensing agencies, and the local area agencies on aging (AAA) when residents of a long term care facility are relocated to another facility. Facilities include nursing homes, domiciliary care homes, personal care homes and assisted living residences. The provisions in this bill apply to the relocation of residents due to closure or sanction and to all transfers of consumers without a responsible person.

The facilities, state licensing agencies and AAAs must: coordinate relocation efforts to ensure the protection of the health and safety of the consumer; share relevant information concerning the consumer and the relocation plan/process; and coordinate the relocation process to ensure the appropriation inclusion of any other agencies that may serve certain specific populations (including mental health, mental retardation, and veterans' affairs). The Department of Aging shall work in consultation with the Department of Health and the Department of Public Welfare to develop rules and regulations to implement this act.

This act would take effect in 180 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation largely clarifies existing practices when there is a facility closure and a resident is transferred to another facility. Consequently, enactment of House Bill 821 is not anticipated to impact Commonwealth funds.

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