



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1480

PRINTER'S NO: 1842

PRIME SPONSOR: Pallone

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
Lottery Fund	See Analysis	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1480 amends the State Lottery Law to exclude from consideration as income when determining eligibility for PACE and PACENET a stipend which was provided by the federal government under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The exemption applies to claims made after December 31, 2009 for the 2009 calendar year.

This act would take effect immediately.

House Bill 1480 would impact the State Lottery Fund appropriation for the transfer to the Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund, which supports the PACE and PACENET programs. The transfer was \$278.4 million in FY 2007/08 and \$313 million in FY 2008/09. The Governor is requesting \$210 million for FY 2009/10.

ANALYSIS:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides for a one-time payment of \$250 to certain recipients of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement and Veterans benefits. Persons eligible for any one of these benefits at any time for the months of November 2008, December 2008 and January 2009 may be eligible for the one-time payment. Eligible individuals will get only one \$250 payment regardless of how many types of benefits they receive. The U.S. Department of Treasury sent out payments during the month of May.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, nearly two weeks after the Governor presented his budget request for 2009/10. The Executive Budget projections for PACE and PACENET cardholders in 2009/10 did not anticipate the payment of a \$250 stipend and the resultant impact on income eligibility. Consequently, enactment of House Bill 1480 would have no impact on the Executive Budget 2009/10 request for Lottery Funds transferred to the Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund.

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