



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1593

PRINTER'S NO: 2545

PRIME SPONSOR: Matzie

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1593 amends the Insurance Company Law of 1921 to provide for the regulation of health insurance practices relating to mental health parity and nondiscrimination. The legislation adds Article VI-B to be cited as the Health Insurance Coverage Parity and Nondiscrimination Act. Under the act, all insurers must comply with the following federal laws: the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addition Equity Act of 2008; the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008; and Michelle's Law. The legislation provides for penalties should a person or insurer not comply with provisions set forth in the act.

House Bill 1593 also caps the penalties imposed against a person under this act and under section 5 of the PA Health Care Insurance Portability Act. The cap would be \$500,000 in the aggregate in a single calendar year.

The act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

The Insurance Department does not anticipate any additional responsibilities as a result of this legislation. Therefore, enactment will not result in any additional cost to the Commonwealth.

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