



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

PRINTERS NO. 4222

PRIME SPONSOR: Hess

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$14,000	\$314,000

**SUMMARY:** Creates the Lyme and related Tick-Borne Disease Surveillance, Education, Prevention and Treatment Act effective immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation provides for definitions relating to lyme/tick-borne diseases; requires the Department of Health to establish a 20 member task force which is to investigate and make recommendations regarding surveillance/prevention of these diseases, raising awareness about long-term effects of misdiagnosis, developing a general health and health care professional information and education program, and cooperating with various state agencies to disseminate the program information as well as to test ticks/provide results and publish on DEP's public website. Within 45 days of the effective date the Secretary is to appoint the members of the task force; within 90 days of the effective date, the task force is to convene and meet quarterly thereafter and issue a report with recommendations to the Secretary within one year of its first meeting. The task force members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

The department is required to develop a program of general public information and education regarding lyme disease, to cooperate with various state agencies to disseminate the information to licensees of the PA Game Commission, to visitors of State parks/lands, to school administrators, school nurses, faculty-staff, parents-guardians, students, to professional associations of health care professionals, to the general public as well as with Penn State University's Department of Entomology to disseminate educational resources about ticks, related diseases, integrated pest management. The department may develop an active tick collection and testing program in cooperation with DEP.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

It is estimated that there would be a total state cost of \$328,000 to implement the provisions of this legislation. This assumes minimal fiscal impact of \$28,000 in state funds for the Department of Health to reimburse 14 non-Administrative task force members for actual and necessary expenses incurred at 4 meetings (2 meetings occurring in FY12-13 and 2 in FY13-14).

The estimate also assumes \$300,000 for the department to develop and disseminate a public education campaign and provider education material.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*