



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 838

PRINTERS NO. 1854

PRIME SPONSOR: Bear

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Defines ophthalmic (eye) surgery and prohibits optometrists from performing such surgery. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend the Optometric Practice Act (Act 57 of 1980) to add a definition of "Ophthalmic surgery" and to prohibit optometrists from performing treatments/ procedures included in the defined term.

The definition provides a comprehensive description of treatments or procedures that are considered surgery and thus prohibited, but also contains exclusion language that protects the treatments or procedures optometrists are currently authorized by statute or regulation to perform.

FISCAL IMPACT: Adoption of this amendment will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: June 21, 2011

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