



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1977

PRINTERS NO. 2735

PRIME SPONSOR: Oberlander

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 40 (Insurance) adding a new chapter, Compliance with Federal Health Care Legislation, outlining abortion coverage in health plans offered through the health insurance exchanges. Effective date is in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would prohibit coverage for the performance of abortions by qualified health plans offered through the health insurance exchange. Coverage for abortions could be provided for the following: to avert the death of the mother on certification from a physician; rape; and incest. Qualified health plans would be prohibited from excluding coverage for treatment of any post-abortion complication or for treatment of any miscarriage or any complication related to a miscarriage. The legislation would not prohibit an individual from purchasing optional supplemental abortion coverage provided the individual pays a separate premium for the coverage and obtains the coverage outside of the health insurance exchange.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Section 1303 (a) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allows states to enact a law to prohibit certain abortion coverage in qualified health plans offered through the health insurance exchange. The health insurance exchanges are to be operational by 2014.

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