HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2196 **PRINTERS NO**. 3889 **PRIME SPONSOR**: **Curry**

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Amends the Older Adults Protective Services Act adding definitions and providing for physician disclosure. Effective date is in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds definitions for 'chronic dementia' and 'cognitive impairment' and by amending the definition of 'facility' to include an assisted living residence. The legislation would also require a physician who holds financial or ownership interest in a facility as defined by this section and is the attending or primary care physician for a resident or prospective resident to disclose the interest to each facility resident or prospective resident and their responsible family member/legal representative. A physician who violates the disclosure requirement would be subject to disciplinary action under the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act or the Medical Practice Act. The department would be responsible for promulgating necessary rules and regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would have minimal fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds; it is anticipated that the Department of Aging would be able to carry out the responsibilities in this legislation with existing resources.

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DATE: September 24, 2012

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