



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 388

PRINTERS NO. 1388

PRIME SPONSOR: Vance

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 388 amends the Dental Law concerning professional liability insurance. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires a licensed dentist practicing in Pennsylvania to maintain medical professional liability insurance of \$1 million per occurrence or claim and \$3 million annual aggregate. Acceptable coverage includes private insurance, self-insurance, insurance provided through the dentist's employer, or insurance provided through a community-based clinic for a dentist with a volunteer license.

Proof of insurance must be provided to the State Board of Dentistry within 60 days of the policy's issue date. Failure to show proof of insurance will result in the refusal to grant a license, license revocation, or license suspension by the Board.

The bill also provides for relevant definitions.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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