



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1656

PRINTERS NO. 2276

PRIME SPONSOR: Corbin

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1656, Printer's Number 2276, repeals Act 213 of 1984, requiring a physician to obtain a signed informed consent form from a patient for the treatment of breast disease. This bill is effective immediately.

ANALYSIS: Act 213 of 1984 requires patients to sign a "Consent for Treatment of Breast Disease" form when undergoing a breast biopsy in order to authorize any operations or procedures, including radical mastectomy, which are deemed necessary, if a malignant tumor or other breast abnormality requiring surgery is discovered, in order to limit the use of general anesthesia. Because patients are no longer subject to general anesthesia when undergoing a breast biopsy, the signed consent form is no longer necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal 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.