



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1403

PRINTERS NO. 4124

PRIME SPONSOR: Quinn

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Insurance Regulation & Oversight Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1403 amends Title 40 (Insurance) concerning unclaimed life insurance benefits. It would take effect in 360 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation would amend Title 40 (Insurance) by adding a new chapter, Chapter 37, concerning unclaimed life insurance benefits. It would require an insurer to compare its insureds' in-force life insurance policies, contracts and retained asset accounts against the Social Security Administration's Death Master File or any other database or service that is at least as comprehensive for determining that an individual has reportedly died. This must be done on at least a semiannual basis in an effort to make more timely payments to life insurance policy beneficiaries. At the written request of an insurer, the Insurance Commissioner may make exceptions and exemptions to this requirement if the insurer can demonstrate it would be a hardship. For example, the Insurance Commissioner could extend the time period an insurer has to comply.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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DATE: October 26, 2016

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