



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 395

PRINTERS NO. 1564

PRIME SPONSOR: DiGirolamo

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 395, Printer's Number 1564, amends the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions (ABC-MAP) Act to exempt prescribers from the requirement to query the database when Schedule V drugs are prescribed to treat epilepsy or a seizure disorder or for patients under the care of a hospice. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: The ABC-MAP Act requires prescribers to query the database prior to dispensing Schedule II through Schedule V controlled substances for each patient the first time the patient is prescribed a controlled substance by the prescriber, if the prescriber believes or has reason to believe that a patient may be abusing or diverting drugs, or each time a patient is prescribed an opioid drug product or benzodiazepine by the prescriber. This legislation would eliminate the requirement for a prescriber to query the ABC-MAP database again after the initial query when prescribing a non-narcotic Schedule V drug that treats an epilepsy or seizure disorder. In addition, HB 395 exempts prescribers from querying the database again after the initial query for a patient under the care of a hospice.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will 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.