



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1234

PRINTERS NO. 1461

PRIME SPONSOR: Fabrizio

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1234, Printer's Number 1461, amends the Health Care Facilities Act to update the length of stay in a licensed ambulatory surgical facility. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the definition of ambulatory surgical facility in the Health Care Facilities Act to reflect that surgical procedures in the facility may not exceed 24 hours.

HB 1234 also abrogates the regulation in the Pennsylvania Code (Chapter 28, § 551.21) which limits the surgical procedures to those which do not exceed a total of four hours of operating time and four hours of supervised recovery time.

FISCAL IMPACT: There could be potential savings in Commonwealth-funded health care programs such as those for employees, retirees, Medical Assistance recipients and CHIP enrollees if health care recipients receive services in an ambulatory surgical center which may be less expensive than a hospital. However, any potential savings cannot be quantified at this time.

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