



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 754

PRINTERS NO. 804

PRIME SPONSOR: Thomas

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
Lottery Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 754, Printer's Number 804, amends the State Lottery Law to allow for continued eligibility for individuals enrolled in the PACE and PACENET program. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation provides that enrollees in the PACE and PACENET program, as of December 31, 2018, will remain eligible for the program if the maximum income limit is exceeded due solely to a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). Pursuant to Act 62 of 2017, the Social Security COLA 'moratorium' would have expired on December 31, 2019. This legislation extends the eligibility provision creating a new expiration date of December 31, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to the Department of Aging without an extension of the Social Security COLA provision beyond December 31, 2019, approximately 9,600 PACE enrollees would qualify for PACENET rather than PACE coverage. No PACENET enrollees were within the moratorium due to the increase in PACENET income eligibility limit in Act 87 of 2018. Maintaining continued eligibility without regard to income changes due to Social Security COLA adjustments would result in a FY 2019-20 state cost of \$2,006,000. This cost has been included in the requested FY 2019-20 PACE program funding projections.

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