



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1972

PRINTERS NO. 3152

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1972, Printer's Number 3152, amends title 51 (Military Affairs).

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) with a new Section 1744 to authorize the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to administer adult day health care in a veterans' home or in a community-based setting to provide care to eligible veterans and spouses in compliance with Federal and State law.

The bill provides a new definition of adult day health care, which states that the term shall have the same meaning as the term "adult day care" in section 1001 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, which is provided to an individual eligible for Federal reimbursement through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Some additional definitions include "eligible veteran," "nursing home," "personal care home" and "veterans' home."

The DMVA is authorized to administer adult day health care in a veterans' home or in a community-based setting to provide care to eligible veterans and spouses in compliance with Federal and State law. The department may contract or enter into partnerships with health care providers licensed by the Department of Aging, the Department of Health or the Department of Human Services. Adult Day health care shall be prioritized to eligible veterans with a disability rating of at least 70% from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

The DMVA shall establish a schedule of fees to be charged for adult day health care services authorized under this program. The fees shall be based on the level of service or care provided and the ability of the individual to pay.

The department may utilize funding appropriated by the General Assembly for the purposes of providing such veteran services and it may accept gifts, grants or payments for the use of a veterans' home, except that the department may only receive and accept Federal funds to the extent the funds are appropriated to the department by the General Assembly. The DMVA may also promulgate rules and regulations necessary for such programs.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no immediate impact on Commonwealth funds. As stated in the bill, the department may utilize funding appropriated by the General Assembly and establish a schedule of fees to be charged for adult day health care services authorized under this program based on the level and type of service provided. Any program costs would be managed through existing operations utilizing State, Federal and other fund sources or additional appropriations and fees if needed for new activities and initiatives.

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