



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 317

PRINTERS NO. 325

PRIME SPONSOR: Browne

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

**SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 317, Printer's Number 325, establishes the Expedited Partner Therapy Act. This legislation would be effective 90 days after enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** SB 317 provides that a health care practitioner may prescribe or furnish antibiotics to treat a sexually transmitted infection (STI), without having examined the individual for whom the drug is intended, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance if the individual is a sexual partner of the health care practitioner's patient, the patient has been diagnosed with an STI, and the patient reports that the individual is unable or unlikely to be evaluated or treated by a health professional. The bill provides that a pharmacist may dispense a drug for a prescription issued under these conditions.

The bill also provides for the name on the prescription and labeling of the drug, recommendations and documentation by the health care practitioner and the pharmacist, as well as liability of the health care practitioner and the pharmacist.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to the Department of Human Services, enactment of this legislation may nominally increase costs to the Commonwealth's Medical Assistance (MA) program to the extent that patients and/or their partners that receive drugs under these provisions are MA recipients. Costs may be offset by a reduction in office visits for the patients' partners, by treating STIs during earlier, less costly stages, and by reducing the spread of STIs to other individuals.

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