

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1482

PRINTER'S NO. 4370

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

May 12, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Mann

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1482 amends the Health Care Facilities Act (Act 48 of 1979) by adding Section 809.2, relating to photo identification tag regulations. Specifically, this new section directs the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) to develop regulations requiring employees within the healthcare profession to wear a photo identification tag when working. This legislation requires the DOH to publish interim regulations, upon the conclusion of at least one public hearing as well. The new regulations shall require identification tags to include a recent photograph of the employee, the employee's name and title and the name of the health care facility or employment agency they are employed by. Current regulations do not require identification tags to include a photograph and only apply to health care workers specifically working in a health care facility and do not apply to workers working in a private practice setting.

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FISCAL NOTE

Sections 809.2 (A)(2) and (3) which pertain to the title on the identification tag take effect June 1, 2015. The remainder of the Act takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Although the DOH currently has regulations in place requiring licensed health care workers employed within a health care facility to wear an identification tag, the tags are not required to include a photograph or the employee's title. In addition, these regulations do not apply to workers working in a private practice setting. It's assumed that licensed health care facilities and/or licensed health care workers will incur costs for a newly revised identification tag. This would also apply to health care facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but it is assumed that such costs would be minimal and can be absorbed within existing fiscal resources.

It is determined that the enactment of this legislation would have no impact on Commonwealth funds.