

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 272

PRINTER'S NO. 4222

AMOUNT

\$0.328 Million

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 27, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Hess

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to HEALTH, Jan. 27, 2011

Reported with request to re-refer to HUMAN SERVICES, Feb. 14, 2011

Re-referred to HUMAN SERVICES, Feb. 14, 2011

Reported as amended, Dec. 14, 2011

First consideration, Dec. 14, 2011

Laid on the table, Dec. 14, 2011

Removed from table, Feb. 13, 2012

Laid on the table, Feb. 13, 2012

Removed from table, Sept. 25, 2012

Second consideration, with amendments, Oct. 1, 2012

Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, Oct. 1, 2012

(Remarks see House Journal Page), Oct. 1, 2012

Re-reported as committed, Oct. 2, 2012

Third consideration and final passage, Oct. 2, 2012 (187-8)

In the Senate

Referred to BANKING AND INSURANCE, Oct. 10, 2012

Reported as amended, Oct. 15, 2012

First consideration, Oct. 15, 2012

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Oct. 15, 2012

Re-reported as committed, Oct. 16, 2012

Second consideration, Oct. 16, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 272 creates a freestanding act, the Lyme and Related Tick-Borne Disease Surveillance, Education, Prevention and Treatment Act.

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The bill directs the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a Task Force that will investigate and make recommendations to DOH regarding the education, prevention and treatment of Lyme disease and related tick-borne diseases. The Task Force will meet quarterly without compensation but reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses related to their duties will be paid by DOH.

In addition, the bill allows DOH to develop an active tick collection, testing and surveillance program in cooperation with Department of Environmental Protection to provide a better understanding of the range of tick-borne diseases, geographic hot spots and levels of infectivity to be used in prevention and education efforts.

This act takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill is estimated to cost \$28,000 to the Department of Health for the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for 14 non-Administrative task force appointees to attend 4 meetings.

The bill also is estimated to cost \$300,000 to the Department of Health to develop and disseminate a public education campaign and provider education material.