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BILL NO. House Bill 1500

PRINTER'S NO. 2108

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 15, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Bear

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 1500 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by creating a new chapter that incorporates the language of Act 114 of 2008, which created the Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals Act.

Act 114 of 2008 allows authorized pharmacists and pharmacies associated with long-term care facilities to re-label, repackage and dispense prescription drugs which residents of the facility are able to acquire through the U.S. Veterans' Administration.

Additionally, the bill requires that pharmaceuticals received from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs be mailed to the Long-Term Care Pharmacy lock box in the name of the patient. This change is necessary to address technology limitations that prevented the United States Department of Veterans Affairs from complying with the Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation simply codifies Act 114 of 2008, the Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals Act into a new chapter of Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. It does not make any substantial changes to the provisions of the act or the duties and costs related to the respective agencies.

Therefore, the enactment of this legislation would have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.