

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 10

PRINTER'S NO. 173

AMOUNT

\$1,000,000 - FY 2011-12

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

January 21, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Scarnati

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to BANKING AND INSURANCE, Jan. 21, 2011

Reported as committed, March 7, 2012

First consideration, March 7, 2012

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 14, 2012

Re-reported as committed, March 26, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 10 amends the Article III of the Pennsylvania Constitution providing for the freedom to provide one's own health care with the exception of providing indemnity and medical benefits to injured workers and prohibits the enactment of any law to the contrary.

In order to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution, the bill proposing the amendment must be passed by the General Assembly in two consecutive legislative sessions, be advertised per Article XI, Section 1, and finally be approved by the electorate.

The effective date of this bill is contingent on the amount of time needed to comply with the Constitutional requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Under Article XI, Section 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is required to have the proposed amendment published in two newspapers in every county throughout the Commonwealth, upon first and second passage of this bill by the General Assembly. In addition, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the proposed amendment to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth following second passage.

According to the Department of State, it is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000 for the proper advertisement of a passage of the Constitutional amendment. Therefore, the total costs for advertising an amendment upon passage in two consecutive legislative sessions would cost an estimated \$2,000,000. This Fiscal Note assumes the advertising of the first passage would be in the Fiscal Year 2011-12.