

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 891

PRINTER NO. 1203

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

September 26, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Argall

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 891 amends the PACE/PACENET program under the State Lottery Law regarding death verifications of individuals enrolled in the PACE and PACENET program.

This bill establishes coordination and information sharing between the Department of Aging and the Department of Health regarding the vital records of PACE and PACENET enrollees.

The bill requires communication between the respective departments to create a method, to be used at least once a month, to cross-reference those individuals enrolled in the PACE and PACENET program with current death records. If a death record is found for an enrollee, immediate cancellation of benefits shall occur.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 891 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. This bill will codify into statute a review that is currently being utilized in the Department of Aging. According to the Department of Aging, the PACE and PACENET programs also utilize the death records of the Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cancel the enrollment of deceased members. The receipt of these records generally occurs within three to five days after the date of death.