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SAMUELSON, OCTOBER 17, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 17, 2012

AN ACT

1 Providing funding to the Department of Military and Veterans
2 Affairs for the purpose of providing current service members
3 and veterans with access to high definition fiber tracking
4 diagnostic tool.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the HDFT for
9 Veterans Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Department." The Department of Military and Veterans
15 Affairs of the Commonwealth.

16 "Eligible center." A Department of Military and Veterans
17 Affairs service center that regularly provides veterans with
18 retraining, employment, educational and homelessness assistance.

1 "HDFT." High Definition Fiber Tracking.

2 Section 3. Military members and veterans.

3 (a) Diagnosis.--Any military veteran or active duty, reserve
4 or combat member who has been preliminarily diagnosed with
5 symptoms of traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic stress shall
6 be eligible to receive diagnostic treatment through the use of
7 the new HDFT technology using equipment located in Pennsylvania.

8 (b) Eligible centers.--The military veteran shall visit an
9 eligible center in order to begin the process for the use of the
10 diagnostic technology.

11 Section 4. Regulations.

12 The department shall promulgate regulations for the
13 implementation of this act. The regulations shall allow for the
14 maximum number of veterans and active members to be able to use
15 the HDFT technology.

16 Section 5. Funding.

17 All funds appropriated under this act and for the
18 implementation of this act shall be sent to the department for
19 distribution to all eligible centers. The amount shall be
20 distributed proportionally based on the number of veterans
21 served at each eligible center. The money received by each
22 eligible center shall be used to pay for the cost of the use of
23 the diagnostic technology, travel expenses and other
24 administrative costs directly caused by the new requirements
25 imposed by this act.

26 Section 6. Appropriation.

27 The sum of \$6,000,000, or as much thereof as may be
28 necessary, is appropriated to the department for the fiscal year
29 July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, to carry out the provisions
30 of this act.

1 Section 7. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.