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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1267 (Delegates Pitkin and Malone)

Environmental Matters

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Breast Cancer Program - Coverage of Reconstructive Services

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to provide reconstructive surgery services to a Breast Cancer Program participant who has undergone a mastectomy. In addition, the program must cover prostheses and any physical complications related to the mastectomy.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DHMH general fund expenditures could increase by \$391,500 in FY 2002. Future year expenditures reflect inflation. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	391,500	415,000	439,900	466,300	494,300
Net Effect	(\$391,500)	(\$415,000)	(\$439,900)	(\$466,300)	(\$494,300)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: DHMH offers a Breast Cancer Program that provides biennial screening mammograms and clinical breast examinations to low-income, underinsured, and

uninsured women ages 40 to 49. The program provides diagnosis and treatment for individuals identified as being in need. Funding for the program is as provided in the State budget.

State Fiscal Effect: DHMH general fund expenditures could increase by \$391,500 in fiscal 2002, which accounts for the bill's July 1, 2001 effective date. This estimate is based on the following facts and assumptions:

- 180 women have mastectomies under the Breast Cancer Program annually;
- 90 women will choose to have breast reconstruction surgery;
- 45 of the women who choose surgery will choose breast implantation (\$2,500 per patient); and
- 45 of the women who choose surgery will choose transverse rectus abdominis muscle (TRAM) flap or a related procedure (\$6,200 per patient).

Future year expenditures reflect 6% medical inflation in the Medicaid program.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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