

FISCAL NOTE

February 8, 2018

Bill No:	HB 1884	Printer's No:	2639	Sponsor:	Quinn (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
General Fund	Full Year – \$614,743	\$599,743

SUMMARY: This bill would establish the “Patient Test Result Information Act” requiring patients to receive copies of patient test results upon the finding of a significant abnormality.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 1884 would require diagnostic imaging entities to notify the patient or his/her designee upon a finding of an abnormality or anomaly, which would cause a reasonably prudent person to pursue follow-up medical care within three months. This bill would not apply to routine obstetric ultrasounds, tests performed on a patient who is being treated on an inpatient basis, or diagnostic x-rays. Notice must be sent no sooner than 7 days and no later than 20 days after the results have been sent to the ordering health care practitioner in accordance with this act. The entity performing the diagnostic imaging service would be required to provide the patient with notice, unless the patient’s health care practitioner has provided the patient with the results at the time of testing. Notice may be made by mail, electronically (through email or an automatic alert from an electronic medical record system), by fax or directly to the patient at the time of services, as long as the patient acknowledges receipt of the results and signs the patient’s medical record accordingly. The Department of Health (DOH) would be required to conduct compliance reviews as part of its performed inspection or an accrediting organization and investigate complaints filed relating to the notice requirement, as defined under this act. DOH would also be required to establish a complaint procedure, which would be made available on DOH’s departmental website.

This act would be effective 60 days upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: DOH would incur a cost of \$614,743 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 and an annual cost of \$599,743 thereafter for six additional personnel positions. This bill would expand DOH’s regulatory oversight to include diagnostic imaging services rendered by facilities not currently licensed by DOH. DOH would need additional personnel to conduct compliance reviews during inspections and investigate complaints, as defined under this act. The number of freestanding diagnostic imaging service facilities and anticipated number of complaints is to be determined.

Estimated Costs to Implement the “Patient Test Result Information Act”		
Implementation Efforts	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Personnel Costs	\$599,743	\$599,743
Fixed Assets Costs	\$15,000	\$0
Total	\$614,743	\$599,743