

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2514 - HB 2483

March 15, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Health to consider information pertaining to lenses, spectacles, eye glasses and optical devices for nursing home residents with visual impairments to be included in recommendations to protect nursing home residents from vendors. Extends the deadline, from the second Tuesday in January 2010 to the second Tuesday in January 2015, by which the Department must provide such recommendations to the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014286): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Department of Health to develop an optical examination waiver form to permit patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, Alzheimer's related dementia, or vascular dementia, to obtain lenses, spectacles, eye glasses, or optical devices using an expired prescription when such patient's symptoms prevent undergoing an optical examination. Such form must be signed by the patient's physician. Authorizes an optician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist to fill prescriptions pursuant to this act.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health, there will be no significant fiscal impact to the Department to create and provide this waiver form to applicable individuals.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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