

149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 228

SPONSOR: Senator McBride

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 16 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO

THE RESTORATION OF THE DELAWARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PAYMENT

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Assumptions:

1. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

- 2. This Act seeks to amend Title 16 and Title 29 of the Delaware Code related to the restoration of the Delaware Prescription Drug Payment Assistance Program.
- 3. This Act restores the Delaware Prescription Drug Payment Assistance Program previously eliminated in the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Appropriations Act by removing and adding provisions required to be included in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department.
- 4. The Fiscal Year 2019 Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$2,000,000 in Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funding to restore the Delaware Prescription Drug Payment Assistance Program. The funding and delayed enactment date will enable the Department of Health and Social Services to make necessary system changes as well as coordinate the implementation of the program with the Medicare Part D benefit enrollment.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2019: \$2,000,000 Fiscal Year 2020: \$2,000,000 Fiscal Year 2021: \$2,000,000

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