

**Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1557

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Cox, M.K.

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Veterans Services, Department of; ratio of department staff to veterans residing in State.

5. Summary: This bill clarifies that the number of employees assigned to the processing of benefit claims shall be sufficient to maintain a ratio of one staff person for every 26,212 veterans residing in the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 413.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2011	-	-	-
2012	\$248,395		GF
2013	\$257,340		GF
2014	\$257,340		GF
2015	\$257,340		GF
2016	\$257,340		GF
2017	\$257,340		GF

8. Fiscal Implications: In order bring claims staffing to the mandated ratio of one staff person for every 26,212 veterans, the Department of Veterans Services requires funding for four existing claims agent positions. The impact also includes additional rent costs of \$30,000 annually and a one-time cost of \$10,000 for equipment and furniture in FY 2012.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Veterans Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety