

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 159

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Hope

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Notice to Long-Term Care Ombudsman when nursing home patient is discharged or transferred.

**5. Summary:** The bill provides that in cases in which a nursing home patient is involuntarily transferred or discharged from a nursing home, a copy of the written notice of such transfer or discharge shall be sent to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman at the same time it is sent to the patient.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** NO FISCAL IMPACT.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill requires that notice be provided to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman in the case of involuntary transfer or discharge of residents for nursing homes. This will require the ombudsman to handle the notices and keep them on file. However, this can be handled in the ombudsman's current workload and is not expected to have a fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department for the Aging.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** HB 1087, introduced by Delegate O'Bannon, and SB 92, introduced by Senator Howell, are similar bills.

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