

State Corporation Commission

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB579

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

2. Patron: Guzman

3. Committee: Labor and Commerce

4. Title: Health insurance; coverage for mammograms.

5. Summary: Requires health insurers, on and after January 1, 2021, to provide coverage for low-dose screening mammograms at rates that are more frequent than is currently required if the covered individual has a family history of breast cancer. If the individual has a family history of breast cancer, the bill requires coverage for annual mammograms from age 30 through 49 and biannual mammograms starting at age 50. However, the age at which such coverage of annual mammograms starts shall be younger than 30 if the covered individual's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer at an age earlier than 40, in which event coverage starts during the year that the individual attains an age that is 10 years younger than the age of the individual's mother at the time of her diagnosis.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission
Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: A proposed expansion of an Essential Health Benefit beyond the coverage provided in the Virginia Health Benefit Benchmark Plan would not result in the Commonwealth having to defray the costs of a new or additional benefit. House Bill 579 would expand an existing mandate if it proposes mammogram screenings at an earlier age or more frequently than called for in the preventive care guidelines. Consideration could be given to referring House Bill 579 to the Health Insurance Reform Commission for further review.

This bill has been assigned to Subcommittee # 2.

Date: 1/16/20/V. Tompkins