

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2087

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Herring

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Workers' compensation; MRSA presumption.

**5. Summary:** Adds methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) to the list of infectious diseases that, if contracted by certain public employees with a documented occupational exposure to blood or body fluids, are presumed to be an occupational disease compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Human Resource Management indicates that this increased benefit could result in additional costs to the State Employee Workers' Compensation Services program. However, because the vast majority of employees who are covered by the program also have their health insurance coverage through the Commonwealth (which would typically cover the medical visits and prescription drugs), the increased cost to the Commonwealth is limited.

Because the Workers' Compensation Program premiums are experienced based, those agencies affected would be expected to bear the increased cost to the program of claims covered by this legislation.

The financial impact to the Commonwealth's Workers' Compensation Program is expected to be nominal. The Workers' Compensation Commission also reports no fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Human Resource Management, Workers' Compensation Commission

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** n/a

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