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FISCAL IMPACT**

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Sen. Jahn; King Rep. Singer; McNulty	<b>Bill Status:</b> Senate Health & Human Services <b>Fiscal Analyst:</b> Lauren Schreier (303-866-3523)

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**SHORT TITLE:** OFFER HEPATITIS C SCREENING TESTING

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

*\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.*

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill recommends, but does not require, that all primary health care providers offer a test for Hepatitis C to patients born between 1945 and 1965. If a test is offered and results in a positive finding, the provider may offer follow up health care or a referral for such follow-up care. The Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) must promulgate rules to ensure that providers offer tests in a culturally appropriate manner.

**State Expenditures**

The DPHE must make a recommendation that healthcare providers offer Hepatitis C screening or testing to patients born between 1945 and 1965. The DPHE must also promulgate rules in accordance with the bill. This will increase workload by a minimal amount in the DPHE and does not require new appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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