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AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Rehabilitation Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	200,000 to 1,000,000	200,000 to 1,000,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases eligibility for the Alzheimer's Respite Care program and eliminates the requirement that it be operated within available appropriations. This will result in additional annual program costs of at least \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

The bill increases the income eligibility limit from the current effective maximum of \$45,619 to \$51,000. In FY 17, the program served 685 clients at an average cost of \$2,455.¹ Assuming utilization is similar in the expanded income bracket, the program will serve an additional 81 clients, at an additional annual cost of \$200,000.

Currently, the State Unit on Aging manages the amount of services allocated to each enrollee in order not to exceed the program's appropriation. Should the elimination of the requirement that the program be operated within available appropriations result in all

¹State Unit on Aging cost and caseload data for the Alzheimer's Respite Care program.

clients receiving additional benefits up to the statutory standard of \$3,500, additional annual costs of \$800,000 would be incurred.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of people served and the cost of benefits provided under the program.