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The Executive in the FY04 operating budget request did not support continuing the appropriation of the program for veterans with lung disease.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$600.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Can the appropriation in the 2002 General Appropriation Act for services to Veterans with lung disease be extended through 2004 to determine whether the service provided is effective versus the costs of the program?
2. Should general fund be used to replace the appropriation from the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Fund?

GAC/yr