



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1341

PRINTERS NO. 2065

PRIME SPONSOR: Pyle

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1341, Printer's Number 2065, amends the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act to allow emergency medical responders to be employed at mines.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act (Act 55 of 2008), specifically Chapter 6 relating to emergency medical personnel and allowing coal mines to employ emergency medical responders. An emergency medical responder is defined as a coal mine employee who:

1. has been certified by the Department of Health (DOH) as an emergency medical responder;
2. has successfully completed all required courses of additional training approved by the DOH for emergency medical technicians; and
3. has successfully completed any additional courses required by regulation of the Board of Coal Mine Safety.

The bill also defines "advanced emergency medical technician" as a coal mine employee who is certified by the DOH as an advanced emergency medical technician, while amending the definition of "emergency medical technician" to require certification by the DOH as an emergency medical technician.

These changes allow for either an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician to be on duty when miners are engaged in coal extraction activities.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.