



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 402

PRINTER'S NO. 346

PRIME SPONSOR: Rothman

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 402 creates a freestanding act providing for the annual designation and holiday observance of the fifteenth day of the Indu lunisolar month of Kartik as Diwali Day in this commonwealth.

ANALYSIS:

Known as the Festival of Lights, approximately 1,000,000,000 people around the world celebrate Diwali as a day of Thanksgiving and reflection. This bill designates the fifteenth day of the Indu lunisolar month of Kartik as Diwali Day in this commonwealth.

The bill states that nothing in the act shall be construed as requiring an employer to treat Diwali Day as a legal or official holiday or to provide paid leave to an employee on Diwali Day.

This act would take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on commonwealth funds. Employers, including the commonwealth, are not required to provide paid leave on the holiday under this bill.

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