



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 374

PRINTERS NO. 713

PRIME SPONSOR: Millard

FUND: Incorporated Town Funds

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Amends Act 34 of 1953 relating to contracts of incorporated towns to allow for electronic auction of incorporated town personal property. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would amend Act 34 of 1953 relating to contracts of incorporated towns to allow electronic auctions for the sale of the town's personal property. The bill would also require towns that conduct an electronic auction to advertise the internet address or means of accessing the electronic auction and the date, duration, and time of that auction. The successful bidder would be required to pay the purchase price immediately or within a reasonable time as determined by the town.

This legislation would also increase from less than \$200 to less than \$1,000 the value of personal property at which the town must have approval of council to dispose of such property by sale or other method. The bill also increases from more than \$200 to more than \$1,000 the value of personal property at which the town must advertise the property for sale.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. Incorporated towns will realize the potential for increased revenues from the sale of town personal property to a wider audience and the potential for reduced costs with the option to eliminate the hiring of an auctioneer to conduct live auctions. Since it is impossible to predict how many towns will utilize the provisions of this legislation, it is unfeasible to quantify those savings.

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