



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 330

PRINTERS NO. 775

PRIME SPONSOR: Ward

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	Minimal

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 330 amends the Crimes Code and Title 53, Municipalities Generally, concerning housing code violations. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 330 amends the Crimes Code by repealing the section concerning municipal housing code avoidance.

Senate Bill 330 adds a new section to Title 53 concerning failure to comply with code requirements. It provides that an offense is committed if an individual is convicted of a second or subsequent serious violation of the same provision of a municipal housing code for the same property. An offense under this section constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree when the offense is a second conviction of a serious violation of the same provision of the municipal code for the same property. Third or subsequent violations would be graded as misdemeanors of the first degree.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation should have only a minimal impact on Commonwealth and local funds. According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS), from 2002 through 2014 a total of 19 people were convicted of municipal housing code avoidance as it exists in the Crimes Code. Therefore, the changes involved in moving it to Title 53 under this legislation should not create a significant fiscal impact. It should be noted that the Philadelphia Municipal Court does not report to PCS, so that data was not available for this analysis.

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