



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 925

PRINTERS NO. 1303

PRIME SPONSOR: Rafferty

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Vehicle Code providing for qualifications for school bus drivers and for mandated changes in order to comport with Federal CDL Regulations. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends section 1509(b) (relating to qualifications for school bus driver requirement) of the Vehicle Code to provide that a school bus driver shall have passed an eye examination within the preceding 13 months instead of the current 12-month period.

The legislation amends several sections of the Vehicle Code to bring PA into compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Commercial Driver License Testing and Commercial Driver Learner's Permit Standards that were required to be enacted by July 8, 2015.

The Federal regulations include provisions that:

- revise the definitions of "commercial motor vehicle" and "tank vehicle";
- clarify that an employer may not knowingly permit a driver to drive if under a license restriction;
- provide that a skills test from another state shall be accepted and that interpreters are not permitted during the administration of skills tests;
- provide restrictions on commercial driver learner permits (CLP), such as reducing the validity period for CLP from 1 year to 180 days, and impose other safety related restrictions on a learners permit holder, such as not driving a vehicle carrying passengers or a vehicle carrying hazardous materials;
- require specific letter codes to describe CDL restrictions to provide uniformity and assist law enforcement; and,
- add CDL disqualifications of a person for fraud committed related to the issuance of a CLP or CDL.

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FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse 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.