



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1511

PRINTERS NO. 1928

PRIME SPONSOR: Quinn

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1511, Printer's Number 1928, addresses timeframes related to uncontested telecommunication applications before the Public Utility Commission.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Section 1102 of Title 66 (Public Utilities) to insert additional language addressing uncontested telecommunication applications. It states that the "commission may not review an uncontested application of a telecommunication public utility seeking any acquisition, merger, sale of stocks, transfer of assets or transfer of control which requires a certificate of public convenience for a period of more than 60 days.

Upon the expiration of the 60-day review period, the application shall be deemed approved. In reviewing an uncontested application under this subsection, the commission may not:

- (1) require or impose conditions on an applicant that are dependent on a Federal or any other State proceeding relating to the application filing; or
- (2) impose conditions of approval beyond the scope of the commission's jurisdiction.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. However, the commission reports that some applications are more complex and intertwined with regional and/or federal issues and oversight, specifically if such applications are under review and are contested before the Federal Communications Commission. Such applications may require more time, research and review potentially requiring additional staff and resources to address issues that impact consumers and the Commonwealth.

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