



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1758

PRINTERS NO. 2586

PRIME SPONSOR: Ortitya

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0
Multimodal Transportation Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"
Public Transportation Trust Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"
Municipal Funds	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Authorizes volunteer fire and ambulance companies to receive certified copies of vehicle accident reports from police departments for insurance purposes only, and requires the PA State Police to establish a process for these companies to obtain needed information for insurance purposes only at no cost to these companies. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends section 1956 (related to certified copies of records) of Title 75 (Vehicle Code) to require that the PA State Police establish a process by which a volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance company may obtain the necessary information or documentation for insurance purposes only at no cost to these companies.

Section 3751 (related to reports by police) of the Vehicle Code is amended to authorize volunteer fire and ambulance companies to receive certified copies of vehicle accident reports from all police departments for insurance purposes only.

Local police departments are not prohibited from waiving the cost for a volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance company that requests a copy of a vehicle accident report for insurance billing purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation should assist volunteer organizations (and the authorizing municipalities) recoup costs for responding to vehicle accidents by clearly requiring police departments to provide them with vehicle accident information. Also, the fee exemption will lower the administrative cost of billing insurance carriers. It is unknown as to the number of requests that may be made and the amount of costs that could be recouped.

The legislation will result in a minimal reduction of revenue for the Multimodal Transportation Fund and the Public Transportation Trust Fund for the fee charged under Section 1956(b). Any estimate of that reduction is indeterminable at this point.

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