



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1879

PRINTERS NO. 3040

PRIME SPONSOR: Gillespie

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1879, Printer's Number 3040 amends Section 2702 (Aggravated Assault) of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to include health care practitioners or technician, individuals whose principal duties are the management or operation of a public recreation center, playground, park or library and local code enforcement official to the list of enumerated agents, officers or employees.

ANALYSIS:

Under current law, an individual who attempts to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes serious bodily injury to any officers, agents, employees as outlined in Section 2702 (c) commits the offense of aggravated assault. HB 1879 would add health care practitioners or technician, individuals whose principal duties are the management or operation of a public recreation center, playground, park or library and local code enforcement official to the list of enumerated agents, officers or employees.

The definition of "health care practitioner" is referenced in Section 103 of the Health Care Facilities Act and the term "technician" is defined in Section 2 of the Medical Practice Act.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing there have been approximately 7,000 convictions of simple assaults since 2012. However, reliable data does not exist to determine how many of those were for assaults on health care practitioners or technicians, individuals whose principal duties are the management or operation of a public recreation center, playground, park or library, or local code enforcement official.

Therefore, any fiscal impact resulting from any additional aggravated assault arrests, convictions and sentences due to enactment of this legislation cannot be determined. The aggravated assault of any officer, agent or employee covered under the legislation would result in a charge of a felony of the second degree (fine up to \$25,000 and maximum prison penalty of

10 years). The grading of aggravated assault resulting in serious bodily injury against these individuals would also be increased from a felony of the second degree to a felony of the first degree (fine up to \$25,000 and maximum prison penalty of 20 years).

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