



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2608

PRINTER'S NO. 3685

PRIME SPONSOR: Neilson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Fish Fund	\$1,500,000	\$2,600,000
Boat Fund	\$1,500,000	\$2,600,000

SUMMARY: HB 2608 PN 3685 requires that Waterways Conservation Officers, within the Fish and Boat Commission, be classified the same as members of the Pennsylvania State Police. This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 30 (Fish) Section 304 (Waterways patrolmen and employees) to require that each full-time Waterways Conservation Officer be classified in the same manner as members of the Pennsylvania State Police for purposes of compensation.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation would have a fiscal impact on commonwealth funds, specifically the Fish Fund and Boat Fund. The Fish and Boat Commission anticipates an approximate impact of \$3 million for 2024/25 with such costs realized within the Fish Fund and the Boat Fund. For 2025/26, the approximate impact would be \$5.2 million. It is worth noting that this change would only apply to full-time officers.

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