



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 916

PRINTER'S NO. 1786

PRIME SPONSOR: Langerhole

COST / (SAVINGS)

Table with 3 columns: FUND, FY 2024/25, FY 2025/26. Rows include Motor License Fund and Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account.

SUMMARY: SB 916 PN 1786 requires PennDOT to replace military registration plates at no cost upon request, allows drivers of vehicles bearing a farm vehicle registration plate to deliver agricultural commodities directly to a person's residence, provides for a Pennsylvania Sportsman registration plate, and establishes the Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account.

ANALYSIS: This legislation makes changes to Title 75 (Vehicles) as follows:

Illegible Military Registration Plates

Amends Section 1333 (Lost, Stolen, Damaged or Illegible Registration Plates) requiring PennDOT to reissue, at no cost to the registrant, a military registration plate upon request by a registrant when it is determined by an authorized representative of the department or law enforcement that the plate is illegible from a reasonable distance.

Home Delivery of Agricultural Products

Amends Section 1344 (Use of Farm Vehicle Plates) to allow a truck or truck tractor bearing farm vehicle registration plates to be used on highways between a farm or farms and place of residence for the purpose of buying or selling agricultural commodities or supplies, regardless of whether the vehicle is operated by the registrant of the vehicle or an employee of the registrant of the vehicle.

Pennsylvania Sportsman Plate

Creates Section 1355.2 (Pennsylvania Sportsman Plate) and requires PennDOT, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), to design a special Pennsylvania Sportsman registration plate. An application must be accompanied by a fee of \$40, in addition to the annual registration fee.

Additionally, the bill establishes the *Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account* in the State Treasury with money being appropriated on a continuing basis to the PGC and PFBC as follows:

- \$14 from the \$40 fee collected by PennDOT with the application for a Pennsylvania Sportsman plate shall be deposited in the Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account.
- 50% of the money in the restricted account must be allocated to PGC for promoting youth hunter education.
- 50% of the money in the restricted account must be allocated to PFBC for promoting youth fishing education.
- Money allocated to PGC and PFBC under this section may not be used for salaries or administrative expenses

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact from enactment of this legislation would be a *de minimis* on Commonwealth Funds, specifically the Motor License Fund and the Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account. The fiscal impact to the Motor License Fund would be a function of the number of Pennsylvania Sportsman Plates purchased and the cost to create the plate. There is no cost associated with the replacement of military plates, as the bill is simply codifying PennDOT's current process. For the creation of the new plate total cost is expected to be \$15,000, which includes \$500 new plate design fee and \$14,500 for software upgrade. The fiscal impact to the Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account would be a function of the transfer of plate registration fees into the account. In either case, the fiscal impact is expected to have a minimal impact.

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