



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1147

PRINTER'S NO. 1915

PRIME SPONSOR: Bartolotta

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Motor License Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: SB 1147 PN 1915 makes changes related to motorcycles and bicycles within Title 75. The section related to refundable motorcycle safety course registration fees will take effect in 42 months, while the remaining provisions will take effect in sixty 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends multiple sections within Title 75 (Vehicles) as follows:

- **Section 3314 (Prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices)**
 - provides that motorcyclists who conform with Section 3525 (Protective equipment for motorcycle riders) shall not be prohibited from wearing or using one or more headphones/earphones or protective gear with such capabilities.
- **Section 3354 (Protected pedalcycle lanes)**
 - Provides local governments with the option to install pedestrian plazas and protected bicycle lanes.
 - If on-street pedestrian plaza or a pedalcycle lane is adjacent to the right-hand curb, every vehicle standing or parked upon the right-hand side of either a two-way or one-way highway must be positioned in the direction of authorized traffic movement with its right-hand wheels parallel to and within 12 inches of the outside line of the buffer area between the pedestrian plaza or pedalcycle lane and parking.
 - If on-street pedestrian plaza or pedalcycle lane adjacent to the left-hand curb of a one-way street or a median-divided two-way highway, every vehicle standing or parked upon the left-hand side of the street or highway must be positioned in the direction of authorized traffic movement with the left-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within 12 inches of the outside line of the buffer area between the pedestrian plaza or pedalcycle lane and parking.
 - Language within this section, shall not prevent local governments from enacting parking regulations which provide different configurations and signage for parking on a highway with an on-street pedestrian plaza or pedalcycle lane.
 - Penalty for violation of this section would be a summary offense and a fine of \$15.

▪ **Section 4708 (Inspection of Motorcycles)**

- Removes current schedule for annual motorcycle inspections and replaces it with an annual safety inspection valid for one year from the expiration of the safety inspection set to expire.
- A safety inspection sticker may not be used for more than 15 months from the month of inspection.
- If a motorcycle does not display a valid certificate of inspection, upon inspection the motorcycle shall receive an inspection sticker valid for one year from the month of inspection.

▪ **Section 7911 (Motorcycle Safety Education Program)**

- Provides for a refundable registration fee for the Motorcycle Safety Education Program.
- Directs PennDOT to charge a registration fee for courses offered through the Motorcycle Safety Education Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would have a fiscal impact on commonwealth funds, specifically the Motor License Fund. The fiscal impact of the legislation is a function of the provision relating to the refund of registration fees for the Motorcycle Safety Education Program contained within Section 7911. According to the PennDOT, costs contributing to the fiscal impact include:

- One-time \$3.03 million system change costs;
- Addition of one Clerk Assistant 2 position, to handle workload changes, at a cost of \$73,000 per Fiscal Year; and
- One-time website updates and other miscellaneous costs \$30,000.

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