



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 240 PRINTER’S NO. 192 PRIME SPONSOR: Benninghoff

COST / (SAVINGS)		
FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Motor License Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 240 Printer’s Number 192 provides for hearing aid tests for school bus drivers. This legislation will take effect in sixty (60) days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 75 (Vehicle) Section 1509 (Qualifications for school bus driver endorsement) to require that the physical examination for a school bus driver may include hearing test. A person who requires the use of a hearing aid must undergo a hearing test to ensure that the hearing aid is properly functioning in a manner that allows the person to meet PennDOT's minimum hearing standards. PennDOT may not require an electroacoustic analysis test report of a person's hearing aid to determine whether the hearing aid meets the manufacturer's specifications if the hearing aid is functioning in a manner that allows the person to meet PennDOT's minimum hearing standards.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation would have *de minimis* fiscal impact on commonwealth funds, specifically the Motor License Fund, as the legislation simply provides for hearing tests. The fiscal impact would be a function of the need for PennDOT to revise its DL-127 School Bus Driver Otological Form.

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