

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1840

**PRINTER'S NO.** 4061

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

May 14, 2012

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Bear

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, May 14, 2012

Reported as amended, Sept. 24, 2012

First consideration, Sept. 24, 2012

Laid on the table, Sept. 24, 2012

Removed from table, Sept. 25, 2012

Second consideration, Oct. 1, 2012

Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, Oct. 1, 2012

Re-reported as committed, Oct. 2, 2012

Third consideration and final passage, Oct. 2, 2012 (195-0)

In the Senate

Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, Oct. 10, 2012

Reported as committed, Oct. 15, 2012

First consideration, Oct. 15, 2012

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Oct. 15, 2012

Re-reported as committed, Oct. 16, 2012

Second consideration, Oct. 16, 2012

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1840 amends the Steel Products Procurement Act (Act 3 of 1978) to allow the Department of General Services to exempt machinery and equipment steel products from the requirements of the act when they have not been produced in the United States in sufficient quantities in the previous calendar year.

It requires the Department to publish a list of the exempt products on its publically accessible Internet website and to update the list annually so that it can be relied upon by contractors, suppliers and public agencies when preparing bids and contracts. The Department is prohibited from making changes to the list during the year following publication.

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The bill also requires that prior to the annual publication of the list of exempt products on the Internet, the Department must publish the list in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and provide for a 30-day comment period and process to resolve disputes with respect to items on the list raised during the comment period.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of General Services has indicated that its administrative responsibilities related to publication of the list of exempt products can be accomplished within its existing operating appropriation and will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.