

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 663

PRINTER NO. 781

AMOUNT

\$130,000

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 2, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Laughlin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 663 amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act (PCCA) to allow municipalities to retain three or more construction code officials or third party agencies to administer and enforce the PCCA.

Requires a municipality that employs a municipal code official to administer and enforce the PCCA and municipalities that provide for joint administration or enforcement of the PCCA to collect fees that represent the actual administrative costs of code enforcement.

Requires municipalities subject to the fee limitation to annually report the fees collected and operating costs of their code enforcement program to the Department of Labor and Industry.

Authorizes the department to order a municipality to readjust its fee schedule if the fees it collects exceed operating costs of the code enforcement program by ten percent (10%).

Provides that municipalities subject to the fee limitation shall not require a standardized fee schedule and shall permit construction code officials or third-party agencies to establish independent fee schedules.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 663 will require the Department of Labor and Industry to review municipalities' code enforcement budgets, make comparisons to revenues collected from fees and adjust fee schedules as necessary to administer the fee limit provisions. To accomplish the new administrative responsibilities, it is estimated that the department will be required to hire two additional staff at a cost for \$130,000. Additional costs for operations and legal services related to the new provisions should be minimal and can be accomplished within the department's existing general government operations budget.