

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1861

PRINTER NO. 2200

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

September 14, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Lewis

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1861 amends the Administrative Code to further provide for definitions and to grant an extension to the waiving of certain regulatory statutes, orders, rules or regulations that were suspended under the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

House Bill 1861 amends the Administrative Code to specifically define the emergency order issued on March 6, 2020 as the "COVID-19 declaration of emergency disaster".

The bill provides for specific extensions to the suspension of regulatory statutes, orders, rules or regulations that were previously suspended under the COVID-19 emergency declaration. The suspension of these regulatory statutes, orders, rules or regulations will be in effect until March 30, 2022, unless sooner terminated by the authority which initially authorized the suspension.

The bill also amends the Administrative Code to require final reports to be issued by each authority which initially authorized an extended regulatory statute suspension, no later than November 1, 2021, for those expiring on September 30, 2021, and no later than May 1, 2022 for those being extended as part of this act. The report shall include a list of each suspension that was extended, including a reference to the statute, order, rule, or regulation which was suspended. For each suspension, the termination date shall also be included in the report.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1861 has no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The final report provisions of House Bill 1861 and the extension to the suspension of certain regulatory statutes, orders, rules and regulations can be accomplished within existing staffing and funding levels provided to executive agencies.