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BILL NO. Senate Bill 1192

PRINTER NO. 1779

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 13, 2024

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Gebhard

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1192 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to permit leasing of Fort Indiantown Gap lands and to establish the Service Members, Veterans and their Families Fund (SMVFF).

Section 708 (relating to Fort Indiantown Gap) is amended as follows:

- Authorizes the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to lease any portion of the real property of Fort Indiantown Gap;
- Expands quality of life activities and programs currently offered by the DMVA for service members, veterans and their families;
- Establishes the Service Members, Veterans and their Families Fund (fund) as a restricted fund in the State Treasury;
- Provides that revenue generated from lessees shall be paid into the fund;
- Provides that the DMVA shall expend money from the fund for the following purposes:
 - 1) The continued operation of quality of life activities and programs;
 - 2) Development of new activities and programs to benefit service members, veterans and their families;
 - 3) Grants to governmental and nonprofit organizations that provide activities and programs to benefit service members, veterans and their families; and
 - 4) Provide morale, welfare and recreation support to Pennsylvania National Guard units deployed outside of this Commonwealth.
- Provides that money in the fund is appropriated on a continuing basis to the DMVA; and
- Provides that no later than July 31, 2025, and each year thereafter, the DMVA shall submit to the chairpersons and minority chairpersons of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report detailing the deposits and expenditures of the fund

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in the prior fiscal year and describing the activities and programs that received money from the fund.

This act shall take effect in 90 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the DMVA, enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Any costs related to expansion of quality of life activities and programs will be paid for with funds generated from the leasing of real property located at Fort Indiantown Gap and deposited into the fund.