



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2199

PRINTERS NO. 3482

PRIME SPONSOR: Stephens

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0
Municipal Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Vehicle Code to further prohibit drivers from disobeying traffic-control devices used to close roads and highways. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend Section 3327 of Title 75 to prohibit drivers from driving past, around, or through a sign or traffic-control device used to close a road or highway due to an existing or potential hazardous condition. A violation of this prohibition commits a summary offense, punishable by a fine of up to \$250. In the event that a violation results in the need for the services of first responders, emergency/ medical personnel, or a tow truck, the fine shall be at least \$250 but not more than \$500.

The legislation would subject a violation of Section 3327(a)(3)(Improper driving in emergency response area) to 2 points and subject the offender to pay the restitution for the cost to provide fire, police, emergency medical, or emergency preparedness responses resulting from the offense. A disabled vehicle near or in a designated hazard area is to be presumed to have become disabled as a result of a violation of the provision relating to disobeying a traffic-control device, absent evidence to the contrary.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or municipal funds. The restitution requirement would provide municipalities or even the PA State Police the potential to recoup some of the cost incurred as a result of the response effort. The amount of that restitution is indeterminable at this point.

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