

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

PRINTERS NO. 1564

PRIME SPONSOR: Knowles

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
State Gaming Fund; Property Tax Relief Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 62, Printer's Number 1564, increases the time limit from five years to ten years that consolidated volunteer fire companies and ambulance services may receive a combined total in grant awards.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Chapter 78 of Title 35, specifically provisions of the Fire and EMS Grant Program related to the limits of grant awards to consolidated companies. The change increases the current time limitation from five years to ten years that consolidated companies may continue to receive the aggregate funds each company was awarded. The newly consolidated company is eligible to continue receiving the grant award as long as it does not exceed the combined total of each individual fire or ambulance service company.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Funding is currently available in the amount of \$30 million to the Fire and EMS Grant Program with \$5 million coming from the Property Tax Relief Fund and \$25 million from the State Gaming Fund.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: September 21, 2015

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