



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 455

PRINTERS NO. 503

PRIME SPONSOR: Keller, M. K.

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to repeal statutory language that conflicts with an individual's constitutional right to remain silent and protect against self-incrimination.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 455 amends Title 34 Subchapter B (relating to Destruction for Agricultural Protection) Section 2126 (a) (relating to Unlawful Activities) by repealing subsection (a)(6), which currently provides that it is unlawful to refuse to answer, without evasion, any pertinent question pertaining to the killing or wounding of any game or wildlife, or the disposition of the game or wildlife when questioned by a representative of the PA Game Commission (PGC). This requirement is in conflict with an individual's constitutional right against self-incrimination and the right to remain silent under questioning.

Effective date: 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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**DATE:** April 21, 2015

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