



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 168

PRINTERS NO. 132

PRIME SPONSOR: Saccone

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact below."

SUMMARY:

House Bill 168 amends the Crimes Code concerning the wearing of uniforms and insignia. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 168 amends the Crimes Code section concerning the wearing of uniforms and insignia to add the offense of misrepresentation of military service or honors. It would be a misdemeanor of the third degree if, with intent to obtain money, property or other benefit, a person fraudulently claimed to be member or veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, or the recipient of any decoration or service medal of the armed forces of the United States. A misdemeanor of the third degree is punishable by up to one year in prison and up to a \$2,500 fine.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The creation of any new crime with a prison sentence has the potential to increase government costs by increasing the number of people incarcerated. The maximum penalty for this crime is up to one year in prison, so any additional costs would fall on county jails. However, reliable data are not available to estimate how many individuals may be convicted and sentenced for this crime.

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