



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1071

PRINTERS NO. 1270

PRIME SPONSOR: Farry

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1071, Printer's Number 1270, amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) by adding a new Subchapter D (Prohibiting, Bans, Fees, Surcharges or Taxes on Recyclable Plastic Bags) to Chapter 87 (Other Subjects of Taxation).

ANALYSIS:

The legislation amends Title 53 by adding a new Subchapter D that prohibits a political subdivision of this Commonwealth to impose a recyclable plastic bag ban, fee, surcharge or tax on plastic bags when used at the point of sale at retail of a good purchased for personal consumption by a consumer. A "recyclable plastic bag" is defined as a bag or pouch of flexible packaging made of thin, flexible, plastic film. The term does not include a reusable bag or pouch that is specifically designed for multiple uses and is made of cloth, fabric or durable plastic.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Pennsylvania does not currently impose a fee or surcharge for recyclable plastic bags used by a retailer at the point of sale, therefore enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. If enacted, this legislation would preempt the ability of any political subdivision to impose a ban, fee, surcharge or tax on a recyclable plastic bag supplied by a retail establishment to a purchaser at the point of sale.

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