

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 445

PRINTER NO. 636

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 9, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Mensch

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 445 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for contributions for breast cancer research.

This legislation adds a new §1323 (relating to contributions for breast cancer research). Senate Bill 445 provides for the following, which the Department of Transportation must implement within one year of the effective date:

- Allows a person renewing a driver’s license, identification card or vehicle registration electronically through the department’s internet website to make a contribution of \$5 to the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition;
- Provides that contributions to the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition shall be used exclusively for breast cancer research approved and be administered by the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition;
- Requires the department to determine annually the total amount collected under this section and report the amount to the State Treasurer;
- Requires the State Treasurer to transfer the amount collected to the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition;
- Requires the department to provide adequate information concerning the contribution for breast cancer research in its instructions for license and registration applicants. Such information shall include the address of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition to which contributions may be sent by individuals wishing to make additional contributions. The Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition shall conduct a public information campaign on the availability of this opportunity to Pennsylvania taxpayers;
- Provides that the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition shall report annually to the respective committees of the Senate and House of Representatives that have jurisdiction over health matters on the amount received from the contributions authorized by this section and how the funds were used; and
- Provides that the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition shall reimburse the Motor License Fund for the actual costs incurred by the department in the administration of this section.

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This act shall take effect in 120 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

One-time costs to the Department of Transportation are estimated to be \$150,000 to perform system changes to the driver's license and vehicle registration renewals in order to begin collecting contributions for the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition.

The legislation stipulates that the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition shall reimburse the Motor License Fund for the actual costs incurred by the department for the administration of this section. Therefore, there would be no adverse fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds.

Additionally, this legislation has the potential to redirect contributions away from other existing license and registration contribution programs to this research. Those existing programs are the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund, the Veterans Trust Fund and the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.