

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 934

PRINTER NO. 1079

AMOUNT

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FUND

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Funds

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PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Langerholc

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 934 amends Act 247 of 1968, known and cited as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code" to exempt the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (commission) from local ordinances related to the planning, design and construction of linear highway projects and facilities.

Local municipalities have required the commission to comply with local ordinances when planning, designing and constructing linear highway projects and facilities. Most commonly, local ordinances pertaining to subdivision, land development and zoning have failed to accommodate requirements for linear highway projects, leading to conflicts in engineering and design.

This legislation would exempt the commission from those local ordinances and simply require the commission to abide by the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Turnpike Commission addresses conflicts with each municipality on a case-by-case basis, depending on the turnpike construction projects taking place at any one time. These delays lead to significant added expenses. Most recently, the commission faced significant project delays and costs in excess of \$25 million, exclusive of the increased costs of construction associated with such delays, due to local ordinance mandates. Therefore, enactment of this legislation could result in reduced construction costs to the commission.