



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 176

PRINTER'S NO: 4124

PRIME SPONSOR: Mann

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 20010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	*See analysis	*See analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 176 amends the Pennsylvania Controlled Substances Act to provide for the inclusion of synthetic marijuana to be included on the schedule of controlled substances.

This act takes effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Both the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS) and the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association (PDAA) have been contacted in an attempt to gather data related to the number of possible individuals that may be impacted by the enactment of House Bill 176. The PCS indicates that with no baseline, it would be difficult to quantify the number of individuals that may be impacted. The PDAA also indicates that it would be difficult to quantify the number of individuals that may be impacted by this legislation, but that it would likely be a minimal number. In light of the lack of data available, the fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds should this bill be enacted is unquantifiable at this time.

The average cost in 2010 for incarcerating an offender in a state correctional institution is almost \$35,000 per year (including health care). According to the Board of Probation and Parole, in 2010 the average cost for state parole supervision is \$3,000 per year. The average cost in 2010 for incarceration in a county jail is approximately \$50 per day or \$18,250 per year. The average cost for supervising a county adult offender in 2010 is \$800 per year.

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