



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 222

PRINTER'S NO: 227

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 222 provides for the court to sentence a person convicted of identity theft or access device fraud to make restitution for all reasonable expenses incurred by the victim. Reasonable expenses include costs to:

- Investigate theft of the victim's identity.
- Bring or defend civil or criminal actions related to the theft of the victim's identity.
- Take other efforts to correct the victim's credit record or negative credit reports related to theft of the victim's identity.

The types of expenses recoverable, but are not limited to:

- Fees for professional services by attorneys or accountants.
- Fees and costs imposed by credit bureaus incurred in private investigations or associated with contesting unwarranted debt collections.
- Court costs and filing fees.

House Bill 222 also makes a related appeal.

This act takes effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts has indicated that they do not anticipate any negative fiscal impact on the courts as a result of this legislation. Therefore, the enactment of House Bill 222 is not expected to have negative fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

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