



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
2009-10 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1342

PRINTER'S NO: 1794

PRIME SPONSOR: Stevenson

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

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1342 would amend Act 42 of 2008, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act, to allow retailers a one year extension to sell the existing inventory of non-fire safe cigarettes that were purchased and stamped before January 1, 2009. The extension would allow retailers to sell such cigarettes up until July 1, 2010 instead of July 1, 2009.

This act would take effect in 60 days or June 30, 2009, whichever occurs first.

ANALYSIS:

There would be no adverse impact on commonwealth or local government funds as a result of this bill. If this bill were not implemented, this could result in a negative fiscal impact to the General Fund. If retailers are not permitted to sell current inventory of cigarettes that have already been stamped, they could file an appeal for taxes paid to the Department of Revenue. It cannot be determined at this time what the total amount of cigarette tax is that could be appealed, nor is it clear how many retailers would apply and win the appeals.

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