



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2321 PRINTER'S NO: 3346 PRIME SPONSOR: Fairchild

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Commonwealth Funds	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2321, Printer's Number 3346 amends Titles 4 (Amusements), 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to codify several acts related to firefighters, the State Fire Commissioner and emergency medical services.

The acts and provisions codified into Title 35 are the following, with related repeals:

- Act 267 of 1925, Authorizing municipalities to expend money for the purpose of insuring volunteer firemen against death or injuries
- Act 74 of 1941, providing for fire police
- Act 547 of 1949, establishing the State Firemen's Training School
- Act 51 of 1955, prohibiting municipalities from replacing a volunteer fire company with a paid fire company without approval of the electors
- The act of June 11, 1968 (P.L.149, No.84), known as the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association Act
- Act 264 of 1974, prohibiting disbanding a paid fire force for a volunteer fire force without a referendum
- Act 114 of 1976, establishing the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program to provide low-interest loans to volunteer fire and EMS companies for capital purchases
- The act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), known as the Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act.
- Act 83 of 1977, prohibiting employers from firing employees who lose time from employment in the line of duty as volunteer firemen, fire police and volunteer members of ambulance services and rescue squads
- Act 162 of 1982, designating Firefighters and their Auxiliaries Day
- Act 168 of 1990, providing for the Firefighter's Memorial Flag
- Act 127 of 1992, designating Firemen's Memorial Sunday
- The act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), known as the State Fire Commissioner Act
- The Act of July 31, 2003 (P.L.73, No.17), known as the Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act
- Section 1408(b) of Title 4, which provides for the transfer of \$25 million from the State Gaming Fund to the Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program
- Section 3301(h.1) of Title 18, which prohibits individuals convicted of arson or related offenses from serving as a firefighter.

ANALYSIS:

The codification of existing law under the bill will have no fiscal impact the commonwealth. Enactment of the bill will not change the operation of existing programs.

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