



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1057

PRINTERS NO. 3269

PRIME SPONSOR: Reed

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: HB 1057 amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to further provide for safety zones relating to the trapping of furbearers in waterways, and for penalties related to unlawful acts concerning taking of furbearers.

ANALYSIS: This legislation decreases the safety zone from 150 yards to 50 yards for the use of traps under the water within a permanent waterway. This change would allow trappers to take advantage of areas closer to buildings and camps that are currently off limits to them. However, the bill does retain the 150 yard safety zone in effect around playgrounds, schools and day care centers.

Additionally, this legislation adds language to Section 2364 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes for penalties related to unlawful acts concerning taking of furbearers. It makes using or setting body-gripping traps of any description outside any established watercourse, waterway, marsh, pond or dam a summary offense of the first degree.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: March 27, 2012

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.