



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1825

PRINTERS NO. 3494

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	(\$693,612)	\$0
State Treasury Armory Fund	See Fiscal Impact	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Releases restrictive use covenants on former Commonwealth land in Blossburg, Tioga County and authorizes the conveyance of Commonwealth real property, or interest therein in several other counties. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** Releases restrictive use covenants on former Commonwealth land in Blossburg, Tioga County and authorizes the conveyance of Commonwealth real property, or interest therein, as follows:

**Borough of Blossburg Tioga County:** This legislation authorizes the Department of General Services (DGS) to release restrictive use covenants imposed on land located in the Borough of Blossburg, Tioga County, which was conveyed by the Commonwealth to North Penn Comprehensive Health Services in 1986. The legislation also authorizes DGS to release the restrictions from approximately 8.766 acres, formerly part of the Blossburg State General Hospital, upon payment of \$440,000 to DGS by Laurel Health Systems.

**Polk Borough, Venango County:** The legislation conveys 8.14 acres of Commonwealth land and structures located thereon to VARHA, Inc. for \$11,750 and under terms and conditions established in an agreement of sale with the DGS. The property is located in Polk Borough, Venango County and is a portion of the Polk Center property.

The legislation requires the deed of conveyance to include a covenant that will preclude the grantee and any successor owners, from using any portion of the property as a licensed gaming facility. VARHA, Inc. (formerly known as Venango Area Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc.) owns an adjacent property.

**Curtin Township, Centre County:** This legislation conveys 6 parcels of Commonwealth land totaling 3.513 acres and structures located thereon to private individuals by quitclaim deed. There will be a restrictive covenant prohibiting the use of the property as a licensed gaming facility.

**Benner Township, Centre County:** This legislation conveys 2 tracts of land, being a portion of SCI-Rockview, containing 32.06 acres of Commonwealth land to Centre County Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC). Consideration for this conveyance is \$241,861. There will be a restrictive covenant which prohibits use of the property for a licensed gaming facility.

**White Township, Indiana County:** This legislation conveys a permanent utility easement containing .42 acres of Commonwealth land to Randy M. Thomas with a consideration for conveyance of \$1.00.

**Borough of Canonsburg, Washington County:** This legislation conveys .51 acres of Commonwealth land and the building known as the "Canonsburg Armory" to the highest bidder. The proceeds of this sale will be deposited in the State Treasury Armory Fund.

**Ohiopyle Borough, Fayette County:** This legislation conveys 2.65 acres of Commonwealth land in the Ohiopyle State Park to Ohiopyle Borough and in exchange for the land, Ohiopyle Borough will convey 2.65 acres to the Commonwealth. The parcel to be sold to Ohiopyle Borough will be conveyed free and clear of Project 70 land use restrictions, and subject to residential use only restrictions.

This conveyance was approved as part of Act 43 of 2011. This legislation provides for a 12 month extension for execution of the conveyance. There will be a restrictive covenant which prohibits the use of the property for a licensed gaming facility.

**Union Township, Lebanon County:** This legislation conveys 4.191 acres of Commonwealth land that is currently a portion of Swatara Gap State Park to Kyle A. and Tamara J. Boltz. In exchange the Commonwealth will receive 11.908 acres of land to be added to the existing lands of Swatara Gap State Park from Kyle A. and Tamara J. Boltz.

This conveyance was approved as part of Act 43 of 2011. This legislation provides for a 12 month extension for execution of the conveyance. There will be a restrictive covenant which prohibits the use of the property for a licensed gaming facility.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would result in \$693,612 being deposited into the General Fund for the properties in Tioga, Venango, Center, and Indiana Counties. The sale of the property in the Borough of Canonsburg, Washington County shall be sold to the highest bidder with the funds being deposited into the State Treasury Armory Fund. The remainder of the legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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