



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1908

PRINTERS NO. 3842

PRIME SPONSOR: Micozzie

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1908 would create the Towing and Towing Storage Facility Standards Act. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation provides consumer protections to the owner of a motor vehicle in the event that he or she summons a tow truck or if a tow truck operator is directed by a police officer or authorized municipal personnel to the scene of an accident. It establishes standards for towing and towing storage facility operations concerning access to towed vehicles; notification requirements regarding hours of operation and towing, storage, and other related services; and limits on storage. In addition, it prohibits storage fees if reasonable access to the towed vehicle has been denied.

This act supersedes local or municipal ordinances to the extent that those ordinances regulating towing and storage operations are in conflict with or are less stringent than this act.

A violation of this act is also a violation of Act 387 of 1968, known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, which is enforced by the Attorney General.

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

PREPARED BY: Jeff Miller
House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: June 29, 2012

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