



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2359

PRINTERS NO. 3507

PRIME SPONSOR: Causer

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 2359, Printer's Number 3507, amends the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act regarding removal of flood-related hazards. This shall take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act (Act 325 of 1978) to address the removal of "flood-related hazards" and defining it as any gravel bar, flood debris or similar obstruction which may present a substantial potential risk to life or property, or may create additional problems in the event of flooding.

The bill directs the Environmental Quality Board to establish guidelines for the removal of flood-related hazards or related stream clearing activities by persons owning adjacent property or municipalities where the flood-related hazards are located. These guidelines shall require the Department of Environmental Protection to be notified prior to the removal of flood-related hazards or related stream clearing activities, as well as not requiring permits or professional engineering services otherwise mandated under the act. The guidelines also provides that, in situations deemed to be emergencies by local, county or State authorities, flood-related hazards may be removed prior to any notification of the department.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will not adversely impact Commonwealth funds.

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