



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

PRINTERS NO. 2064

PRIME SPONSOR: Marsico

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 27 amends the Crimes Code concerning harassment. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation increases the offense grading of certain types of harassment if the offender is violating a protection from abuse order when committing the harassment. This would increase the grading from a summary offense to a misdemeanor of the third degree. The maximum penalty for a summary offense is 90 days of incarceration and a \$300 fine. The maximum penalty for a misdemeanor of the third degree is one year imprisonment and a \$2,500 fine.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. Any increased punishments from this legislation would impact county prisons and probation because sentences would be less than two years. Such impacts would vary greatly by locality. The average cost for incarceration in a county jail is approximately \$70 per day, or \$25,615 per year. The average cost for supervising a county adult offender is \$860 per year.

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