



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 892

PRINTERS NO. 2779

PRIME SPONSOR: Grove

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Access to Justice Restricted Account	\$0	\$0
Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund	\$0	\$0
Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account	\$0	\$0
Motor License Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"
Motorcycle Safety Education Account	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"
Public Transportation Trust Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Establishes time limitations on motorcycle learners' permits and restores two surcharges to violations for failure to obey traffic control devices. The restoration of the surcharges would take effect on January 1, 2014 or immediately, whichever is later. The learners' permits provisions would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would establish time limitations on motorcycle learners' permits and would restore two surcharges on violations under Title 75, section 3111 (failure to obey traffic control devices).

Motorcycle Learners' Permits: The legislation would make a motorcycle learner's permit non-renewable. The legislation also provides that a person may reapply for a motorcycle learner's permit no more than three times in a five-year period from when that person first applies.

Restoration of Some Title 75, Section 3111 Surcharges: The legislation restores two particular surcharges for a violation of Section 3111 of the Vehicle Code that are still effective under current law until January 1, 2014 and which were inadvertently omitted under Act 89 of 2013. The surcharges restored are the \$10 surcharge that is deposited within the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund as stipulated in Title 75 Section 3121 and the \$10 surcharge under Title 42 Section 3733 (a.1)(2)(iii), which is currently split between the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account (\$8) and the Access to Justice Account (\$2).

FISCAL IMPACT: According to PennDOT, there were 10,550 motorcycle permit renewals/extensions processed in calendar year 2012. If the same number of reapplications occurred annually, both the Motor License Fund and the Motorcycle Safety Education Account would each receive additional revenue of \$52,750 per year in that they each receive \$5 for each application.

The legislation simply restores two of the surcharges that are currently added to a violation under Section 3111 of the Vehicle Code that were inadvertently omitted under Act 89 of 2013. According to data provided by the Administrative Offices of the Pennsylvania Courts as well as the Philadelphia Traffic Court, there were 338,922 Section 3111 violations in the last full year of data available. Utilizing this number, annual revenue from the surcharges on the Section 3111 violation would continue to be approximately \$3.4 million for the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, \$680,000 for the Access to Justice Restricted Account and \$2.7 million for the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account. These surcharges would add \$20 to the \$150 fine for a violation of Section 3111 of the Vehicle Code for a total ticket cost of \$170 starting in 2014. There is no change in the revenue amount for the Public Transportation Trust Fund.

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