



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 972

PRINTERS NO. 2156

PRIME SPONSOR: Brown

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 972, Printer's Number 2156, amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to provide a fee waiver certificate for a peddler's license for veterans who are legal residents of the Commonwealth. This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) by adding Chapter 97 entitled "Fee Waiver Certificate" which allows veterans who are legal residents of the Commonwealth and who have been discharged or released from military service under conditions other than dishonorable to procure peddling licenses free of charge by obtaining a fee waiver certificate. The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who is a legal resident of the Commonwealth is also eligible for this benefit. Counties and the Department of Agriculture would be required to issue licenses free of charge to veterans interested in selling merchandise and/or food.

The bill also outlines the offenses under Section 9704, which would be graded as a misdemeanor of the third degree, including fraudulently obtaining or violating the terms of a fee waiver certificate; assigning, transferring or attempting to assign or transfer a fee waiver certificate or using or attempting to use a fee waiver certificate contrary to this chapter; and charging or collecting or attempting to charge or collect a fee or other compensation for the licensing or registration of an applicant with a valid fee waiver certificate.

The bill requires a county director of veterans' affairs to report on a quarterly basis the number of fee waiver certificates issued under this chapter to the department, which shall maintain a record of the number of fee waiver certificates issued.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this bill will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds, while any administrative costs are expected to be covered under existing agency operations. However, according to the Department of Agriculture, there are approximately 1,600 mobile food stand licenses issued. Assuming ten percent of all licenses are eligible for a fee waiver, the department could lose approximately \$13,000 in license revenues.

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