



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1478

PRINTERS NO. 2118

PRIME SPONSOR: Bloom

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	see fiscal impact	see fiscal impact
Motor License Fund	see fiscal impact	see fiscal impact

SUMMARY: Authorizes the Department of General Services (DGS) to convey:

- Land and improvements in the Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County by competitive bid;
- A utility easement over lands in Peters Township, Franklin County;
- Land and improvements in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County;
- Land and improvements in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County through bidding process.

ANALYSIS:

Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County:

HB 1478 authorizes DGS with the approval of the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to sell, through a competitive sealed bid process, approximately 2.38 acres of property. The proposed legislation requires DGS to include a covenant in the deed of conveyance prohibiting the property from being utilized as a licensed gaming facility. Additionally, the oil, gas and mineral rights associated with the property will be retained by DGS on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Peters Township, Franklin County:

This bill conveys a permanent utility easement containing approximately 6.01 acres of land from the Commonwealth of PA at the Ft. Loudon Historical Site to the Bear Valley Franklin County Pennsylvania Joint Authority for the purposes of groundwater withdrawal.

City of Scranton, Lackawanna County:

This bill authorizes a land swap of approximately 0.99 acres and one single commercial structure from the County of Lackawanna Transit System Authority (COLTS) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a replacement parking lot for the Scranton State Office Building.

City of Allentown & City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County:

This bill authorizes DGS to sell, through a bidding process, approximately 195.167 acres of land and improvements (the Allentown State Hospital). The proposed legislation requires DGS to include a covenant in the deed of conveyance prohibiting the property from being utilized as a licensed gaming facility. Additionally, the oil, gas and mineral rights associated with the property will be retained by DGS on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Effective date: Immediately

FISCAL IMPACT:

Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County:

The proceeds from the sale shall be deposited in the Motor License Fund. An appraisal was done on September 6, 2012 and market value was determined to be \$600,000.

In addition to the proceeds from the sale, the Commonwealth would save approximately \$20,000 annually in carrying cost (utilities, maintenance, etc.) for this property.

Peters Township, Franklin County:

The proceeds from the utility easement, \$19,500, to be deposited in the General Fund.

City of Scranton, Lackawanna County:

Land swap with no cost to the Commonwealth.

City of Allentown & City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County:

An independent appraisal of the subject property is being competitively procured at this time. All costs and fees incurred by the Department of General Services in selling the property shall be paid from the purchase price and that amount shall be an executively authorized augmentation to the appropriation from which the costs and fees were paid by the department. The balance of the proceeds from the sale shall be deposited in the General Fund.

In addition to the proceeds from the sale, the Commonwealth would save approximately \$2 million annually in carrying cost (utilities, maintenance, etc.) for this property.

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DATE: June 21, 2013

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