



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1490

PRINTERS NO. 2102

PRIME SPONSOR: Ross

AS AMENDED BY: A02435

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
The Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund	\$0*	\$5,874,399
The Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund	\$0	\$0

**Had this fund existed within the State Treasury, the amount would have shown \$5,559,736. However, the operating fund existed within the Philadelphia Parking Authority.*

SUMMARY: Amends Chapter 57 of Title 53, governing regulation of taxicabs and limousines in first class cities. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 53, Chapter 57 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities) by establishing an appropriations process and establishing special funds in the State Treasury.

Budget Process: This legislation would require the Philadelphia Parking Authority to submit their annual budget proposal consistent with Article VI of the Administrative Code. The proposed budget shall include an estimate of the total expenditures necessary to carry out this chapter and shall deduct prior year fund balances from the Regulatory Fund, money to be disbursed from the Medallion Fund and estimated fees collected under Section 5710 of the legislation. The remainder shall be the total assessment on utility groups. If a budget is not enacted by March 30th, the Authority is given the ability to assess the utility groups on the basis of the last approved operating budget. At the time a budget is approved, the Authority shall make any necessary adjustments in the assessments to reflect the approved budget.

Assessment Notice and Hearings: The legislation specifies that the assessment is due 30 days after receipt of the assessment notice and provides that assessments may be paid with installments if, by regulation, the Authority provides that option.

The legislation also provides for assessment hearings. Within 15 days of the notice of assessment, an owner may file a petition with the Authority. The Authority shall fix the time and place for a hearing. After the conclusion of the hearing, the Authority shall issue a decision and findings in sufficient detail to enable a court to determine, on appeal, the controverted question presented by the proceeding and whether proper weight was given to the evidence. The legislation clarifies that a person aggrieved by an order of the Authority may appeal to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas as provided in Section 5705(d) of Title 53.

Special Funds: The legislation establishes the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund (Regulatory Fund) as a special fund in the State Treasury. The Regulatory Fund shall be the primary operating fund of the authority. Monies from the Regulatory Fund shall be disbursed monthly from the State Treasury for use by the Authority.

The legislation establishes the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund (Medallion Fund) as a special fund within the State Treasury. The Medallion Fund shall hold the fees from the sale of new medallions as provided in Section 5717(b) (relating to additional certificates and medallions). The Medallion Fund shall only be used for the purposes of administering and enforcing taxicab regulation. Monies from the Medallion Fund shall be disbursed monthly from the State Treasury for use by the Authority.

Fees and Assessments: The legislation establishes the current fee and assessment schedule within Title 53 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

Appropriation: The legislation, as amended by A02435, would provide an appropriation of \$5,874,399 for the administration and implementation of this act. This appropriation shall only be valid for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or Philadelphia Parking Authority funds as the current assessment and fee schedule would be put into statute. The legislation, as amended by A02435, would appropriate monies to the Philadelphia Parking Authority in the amount of \$5,874,399 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. This amount is consistent with their budget submission from March of 2013.

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DATE: June 22, 2013

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