



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1534

PRINTERS NO. 2049

PRIME SPONSOR: Peifer

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) authorizing the PA Game Commission to establish a Coyote Control Incentive Program.

ANALYSIS: HB 1534 will allow the Game Commission to establish a Coyote Control Incentive Program to compensate properly licensed hunters and furtakers \$25 for each coyote lawfully harvested.

The bill establishes a special account within the Game Fund for payments to hunters and furtakers, and requires that \$700,000 annually be transferred into the account from the Game Fund. The total annual expenditures for the Coyote Control Incentive Program may not exceed the annual amount designated for the program. Any additional funds remaining in the special account at the end of a fiscal year may be used for purposes other than compensating hunters and furtakers.

The bill also allows the Commission to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of the program.

Effective date: 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would give the Game Commission the discretion to establish a Coyote Control Incentive Program if and when they deemed it necessary. However, if the Game Commission decides to establish a Coyote Control Incentive Program, \$700,000 shall be annually transferred from the Game Fund to a special account to compensate properly licensed hunters and furtakers \$25 for each coyote lawfully harvested. The total annual expenditures from this program may not exceed \$700,000.

An annual transfer of \$700,000 from the Game Fund to a special account may potentially reduce the funds available for other Game Commission programs. Funds remaining in the special account at the end of a fiscal year may be used for other Game Commission purposes.

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