



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2264

PRINTERS NO. 3648

PRIME SPONSOR: Miller, R.

### COST / (REVENUE)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Radiation Protection Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 2264, Printer's Number 3648, amends the Radiation Protection Act to increase the annual nuclear facility fee.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Section 402 of the Radiation Protection Act (Act 147 of 1984), which addresses nuclear facility and transport fees, to increase the annual fee per nuclear power site. The new language states that by July 1, 2015, and July 1 each year thereafter, each person who has a current nuclear power reactor construction permit or operating license from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shall pay the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) an annual fee of \$650,000 per nuclear power reactor site, regardless of the number of individual nuclear power reactors located at the site.

It also states that each person who has a current nuclear power reactor construction permit or operating license from the NRC shall pay the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) \$275,000 per nuclear power reactor site.

This shall take effect July 1, 2014, or immediately, whichever is later.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this bill will allow for the annual nuclear power plant site fees to be increased as established under Section 402 of the Radiation Protection Act.

Each person who has a current nuclear power reactor construction permit or operating license shall continue to pay DEP and PEMA the annual site fee as usual, but the fees shall increase as follows: the DEP fee shall increase \$100,000 (from \$550,000 to \$650,000) and the PEMA fee shall increase \$75,000 (from \$200,000 to \$275,000) per nuclear power reactor site. Based on 5 regulated sites, this would result in an annual increase in fee revenues totaling \$875,000 into the Radiation Protection Fund.

DEP completed its financial assessment of the program and determined that the \$100,000 fee increase per site was necessary to maintain the current oversight operations and address equipment needs for laboratory and field monitoring needs. This was reportedly discussed

with and supported by the owners of the nuclear power plants mainly to address to a projected ending balance deficit in the fund beginning FY 2016-17.

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