



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1355

PRINTERS NO. 2319

PRIME SPONSOR: Yaw

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
Radiation Protection Fund Radiological Emergency Response Planning & Preparedness Program Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1355, Printer's Number 2319, amends the Radiation Protection Act to increase certain annual nuclear facility fees.

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 immediately with applicable annual fees due on or after July 1, 2015.

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 five regulated sites, this would result in an annual increase in fee revenues totaling \$875,000 - \$500,000 into the Radiation Protection Fund and \$375,000 to the Radiological

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Emergency Response Planning and Preparedness Program Fund, which addresses a projected ending balance deficit beginning in 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.