



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 49

PRINTERS NO. 43

PRIME SPONSOR: Sainato

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 49, Printer's Number 43, amends Act 101 of 1976 by extending the death benefit currently available to emergency responders to members of the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act (Act 101 of 1976) by extending the \$100,000 death benefit that is currently available to other emergency responders to members of the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol. It also extends the filing period for submitting certifications of such death occurrences to the Commonwealth from a 90-day filing period to three years.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The bill extends the \$100,000 death benefit to members of the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol (CAP), which would be adjusted to reflect the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, per Act 101 of 1976. In the event that such a death occurs, the Department of Treasury indicates that the covered death benefit would be approximately \$128,000 for FY2014-15.

It is reported that the CAP has approximately 2,500 members across the Commonwealth who assist State agencies with aerial search and rescue missions, disaster recovery and aerial photographic intelligence missions.

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