



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

PRINTERS NO. 63

PRIME SPONSOR: Readshaw

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 72 amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) concerning the right to dispose of a decedent's remains. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Under current law, if two or more persons with equal standing as next of kin disagree on the disposition of a decedent's remains, the authority to dispose shall be determined by the court, with preference given to the person who had the closest relationship with the deceased. This legislation would add that, if more than two persons with equal standing as next of kin disagree on the disposition of a decedent's remains, the authority to dispose will be determined by the majority of those persons, and the court will only make a final determination when the individuals with equal standing cannot reach a majority decision.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: April 14, 2015

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