



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 380

PRINTERS NO. 2474

PRIME SPONSOR: Toohil

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 380, Printer's Number 2474, amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations Code) to reduce the separation period that is required in certain no-fault divorce cases. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Domestic Relations Code Sections 3301 (relating to grounds for divorce) and 3323 (relating to decree of court) by reducing the length of the mandatory separation period that is required prior to entry of a no-fault divorce based on irretrievable breakdown from two years to one year.

HB 380 also provides that divorce proceedings may be bifurcated - wherein a court may enter a divorce decree prior to settlement of all economic and custody issues - if the court first determines that there are sufficient economic protections in place for any minor children of the marriage.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds as it does not place additional requirements on courts that would result in increased costs.

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DATE: November 9, 2015

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