



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 792

PRINTERS NO. 1678 PRIME SPONSOR: Killion

### COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND  | FY 2014/15 | FY 2015/16          |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| General Fund  | \$0        | \$0                 |
| Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund | \$0        | See "Fiscal Impact" |
| Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund          | \$0        | \$0                 |

**SUMMARY:** Amends the Housing Finance Agency Law (Act 621 of 1959) to provide additional funding for the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund (Housing Trust Fund). This legislation would take effect in 90 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would provide for an annual transfer of funds to the Housing Trust Fund if revenues from the Realty Transfer Tax (RTT) exceed the final revenue estimate for the FY 2014-15 General Appropriations Act.

The legislation requires the State Treasurer to annually transfer the lesser of the following:

- 40% of the difference between the total dollar amount of the RTT collected for the prior fiscal year and the total dollar amount of the RTT final estimate for the FY 2014-15 General Appropriations Act that was signed by the Governor in accordance with the Administrative Code.

OR

- \$25 million

The legislation also contains language to clarify that nothing within the legislation shall increase the rate of the RTT, reduce funding for the Housing Trust Fund, or reduce/prohibit increased funding for the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The legislation would provide the opportunity for additional funding for the Housing Trust Fund in the event that RTT collections exceed the final estimate from FY 2014-15. The final estimate for the RTT in FY 2014-15 was \$447.5 million. Through the first 11 months of FY 2014-15, the RTT is running \$29.9 million or 7.5% under estimate so it is highly unlikely that any additional funding would be transferred to the Housing Trust Fund in FY 2015-16.

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