



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1103

PRINTERS NO. 1419

PRIME SPONSOR: Zimmerman

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1103, Printer's Number 1419, exempts "high tunnels" from the requirements of the Storm Water Management Act.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Storm Water Management Act (Act 167 of 1978) to exempt "high tunnels" from the provisions of the act. A municipality that has adopted a watershed storm water plan or enacted a local ordinance or regulation that regulates high tunnels prior to the bill's effective date shall amend the plan, ordinance or regulation to be in compliance.

The bill defines "high tunnel" as a structure which is used for the production, processing, keeping, storing, sale or shelter of an agricultural commodity as defined in the PA Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, or for the storage of agricultural equipment or supplies. It is constructed consistent with all of the following:

- has a metal, wood or plastic frame;
- when covered, has a plastic, woven textile or other flexible covering; and
- has a floor made of soil, crushed stone, matting, pavers or a floating concrete slab.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: March 16, 2016

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