



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1736

PRINTERS NO. 2630

PRIME SPONSOR: Braneky

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1736, printer's number 2630, amends the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L. 394, No. 54), known as the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act, to further provide for definitions.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends section 3 of the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act to revise the definition of "units sold" to be the number of individual cigarettes sold in this Commonwealth by the applicable tobacco product manufacturer during the year in question, as measured by taxes collected by the Commonwealth on packs bearing the tax stamp of the Commonwealth required under section 1215 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L. 6, No. 2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, by taxes collected by the Commonwealth on "roll-your-own" tobacco containers which are not required to have a tax stamp under section 1215 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, and by taxes collected by the Commonwealth on cigarettes sold without a tax stamp, when authorized by the Department of Revenue, under section 1215 (h) of the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

The Office of Attorney General shall attempt to obtain the consent of the participating manufacturers under the Master Settlement Agreement to the amendment of the definition of units sold. If consent is obtained, the Office of Attorney General shall provide notice to the Secretary of Revenue and shall publish a notice of consent in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. If consent is not obtained, the Office of Attorney General shall notify the Secretary of Revenue and shall publish a notice of refusal in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

The amendment of section 3 of the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act shall take effect 60 days after the Office of Attorney General publishes notice of consent in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: December 10, 2015

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