



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1737

PRINTERS NO. 4028

PRIME SPONSOR: Maher

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1737, Printer's Number 4028, amends Act 190 of 1996 to provide for the destruction of pharmaceuticals.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 206 of Act 190 of 1996, known as the Waste Tire Recycling Act/Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program Act, to include and provide for the destruction of household prescription drugs and pharmaceutical waste.

This amended section shall apply to unused, expired or unwanted prescription drugs and over-the-counter pharmaceutical products generated by households if the waste is collected as part of a registered collection event and separately managed and destroyed in a manner that renders the drugs nonretrievable through industrial furnaces, resource recovery facilities or any other facility. The intent is to prevent the diversion of the waste for illicit purposes and protect the Commonwealth's waters, public health and safety. Facilities processing expired or unwanted pharmaceuticals must comply with the federal Clean Air Act and the PA Air Pollution Control Act. However, facilities other than resource recovery facilities are not required to obtain a permit under the Solid Waste Management Act.

The bill exempts collection programs and events conducted by federal, state or local law enforcement; hospitals, assisted living facilities, home health care agencies, long-term care nursing facilities, hospice, domiciliary care homes and other similar health care facilities; pharmacies; resource recovery facilities; or similar entities at the discretion of the Department of Environmental Protection.

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