



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1769

PRINTERS NO. 3142

PRIME SPONSOR: Day

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1769, Printer's Number 3142, amends Title 66 to provide additional penalties, requirements and exemptions related to common and contract carriers of household property operating within the Commonwealth.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends definitions under Sections 102 and 2501 for "common carrier by motor vehicle" and "contract carrier by motor vehicle" of Title 66 (Public Utilities) to specifically to include "any person or corporation that provides or furnishes transportation of household property between residential dwellings within the Commonwealth by motor vehicle for compensation." It also provides an exemption for a motor carrier when providing transportation of household goods in containers or trailers that are entirely packed, loaded, unloaded or unpacked by an individual other than an employee or agent of the motor carrier.

The bill amends Section 3310 to address offenses, penalties and related costs and fines related to such motor carriers. For example, language is inserted providing for a violation of the transportation of household property violations by individuals who fail to comply with the provisions under Title 66. A person convicted under this section is guilty of a third degree misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of \$5,000 for the first offense and \$10,000 for second or subsequent offenses. Individuals may also have their vehicle registration suspended and vehicles confiscated and impounded as provided under Title 75.

The bill states that all costs and fines collected and penalties recovered shall be deposited into the General Fund and be deemed an augmentation to any appropriation to the Public Utility Commission. All amounts appropriated shall be used by the commission to administer and enforce this program and regulations applicable to motor carriers.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no significant impact on Commonwealth funds. Any fines or penalties collected under this section are deposited into the General Fund and made available to cover enforcement activities of the Public Utility Commission.

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