



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2148

PRINTERS NO. 3681

PRIME SPONSOR: Farry

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 2148, Printer's Number 3681, amends the Enforcement Officers Disability Benefits Law to extend coverage to certain individuals employed as firefighters.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends the Enforcement Officers Disability Benefits Law (Act 193 of 1935) to extend coverage to certain individuals employed as firefighters. The bill defines the term "fireman" to include the following:

- Paid firemen not employed by the Commonwealth;
- Emergency medical services personnel employed within a city fire department;
- Firemen of airport authorities, including fire suppression instructors;
- Fire and safety marshals who are firemen employed by the Commonwealth;
- Fire Academy instructors employed at the State Fire Academy;
- Assistant fire marshals employed by the Commonwealth;
- Forest patrolmen and forest technicians employed by the Commonwealth.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Office of Administration projects that it could cost approximately \$93,000 to cover the costs related to this bill. This is assuming 12 cases filed per year with the act covering approximately two-thirds of the average weekly salaries. There is the potential for additional administrative and operational costs related to claims processing, denied claims and the possibility of cases being adjudicated. It should also be noted this change has the potential to impact municipalities with paid firemen and emergency medical services personnel employed within a fire department.

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