



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 179

PRINTERS NO. 230

PRIME SPONSOR: Greenleaf

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Consolidates various laws relating to hotels and innkeepers under Title 48 (Lodging and Housing). This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: The legislation codifies the following laws under Chapter 13 of Title 48 without any substantive changes:

Act 509 of 1855 limits hotelkeeper liability for stolen baggage if he posts a notice to guests to bolt and lock their doors. It also allows him to place a lien on a guest's goods and baggage until any debt is paid. After three months, those goods may be sold at a public sale unless the debt is repaid in the meantime.

Act 318 of 1913 further limits hotelkeeper liability for loss or damage to guest property unless he fails to maintain a hotel safe or window and door locks on guest rooms and doesn't post at least 10 copies of the law throughout the hotel. The law contains additional language addressing liens on, and sale of, baggage for unpaid debts.

Section 3.3 of the Fire and Panic Act requires hotel management to provide, in writing and free of charge, information on their fire protection measures to travel agents and other persons upon request.

Section 404(4) of The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951 exempts from levy and sale for rent the personal property of a hotel guest or a boarder at a boarding house where the property is in the exclusive use of the boarder.

Act 285 of 1953 requires tourist camps to install adequate chimneys or vents for the escape of carbon monoxide from heaters in rental cabins or trailers.

Act 131 of 1996 is the PA Innkeepers' Rights Act, which provides for the right of a hotelkeeper to refuse accommodations under certain circumstances, restitution for damages, and the keeping of a guest register.

Sections 3(b) and 5 of Act 39 of 2000, the Infant Crib Safety Act, which prohibits hotels from using a crib considered unsafe under the act. The penalty for willful violation of the act is a \$1,000 fine.

The aforementioned laws will be repealed individually, but are effectively continued in full force within Chapter 13 of Title 48.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or county funds.

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