



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 562

PRINTERS NO. 1897

PRIME SPONSOR: Gordner

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2016/17 | FY 2017/18 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 562, Printer's Number 1897, amends the Regulatory Review Act to provide for more legislative oversight of regulations through the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

The legislation would take effect 60 days after enactment.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends the Regulatory Review Act (Act 181 of 1982) to provide for more legislative oversight of and involvement with the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) during the regulatory review process. This would involve legislative standing committees and individual committee members.

The bill requires committee chairs to distribute a copy of all proposed regulations, related comments and information, and the final form regulation to each committee member of the chairperson's caucus within five business days of receipt from an agency. The information submitted may not be submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication of notice of proposed rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

The bill also amends the time period for committee action related to an agency regulation. For example, a committee may submit comments, recommendations, or objections to IRRC on proposed regulations any time before a commission meeting. A committee would be required to notify IRRC, at any time prior to 24 hours before the commission's meeting to consider a regulation that the committee disapproves or intends to further review a final-form regulation. The commission may not approve or disapprove regulations for thirty days or nine legislative days, whichever is longer, if a committee notifies IRRC that they disapprove of a proposed regulation. IRRC may not move ahead then with the regulation for a period of fourteen days or six legislative days, whichever is longer.

Additional language states that a majority chairman may convene a meeting of the committee to adopt any comments, recommendations or objections to the proposed regulations. The majority chairman must hold an informational hearing if requested to do so by the majority of the committee members

The bill also provides a timeline for each Chamber's consideration of a concurrent resolution related to any regulation.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse 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.