



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

PRINTERS NO. 4254

PRIME SPONSOR: Zimmerman

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
Borough Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) to establish emergency procurement procedures. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Chapter 14 (Contracts) of Title 8 to allow a borough to make contracts or purchases without requiring advertising, bidding or price quotations in situations deemed emergencies. Councils will be required to state in a resolution at the next public meeting, the actual emergency and the nature of the procurement.

The legislation would also allow contracts and purchases that are for the mitigation of a real or potential emergency that would impact the health, safety and welfare of the residents to be exempted from advertising and bidding.

Finally, this legislation adds a cross reference to Title 35 (Health and Safety), which allows municipalities to make emergency purchases.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or borough funds. Boroughs may realize some savings due to the elimination of the administrative and publishing costs to publish a request for bids. Any estimate of those savings are indeterminable at this point.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: October 17, 2018

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