



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

PRINTERS NO. 3327

PRIME SPONSOR: Saccone

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
Commonwealth Funds	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Removes language relating to federally mandated driver's license suspensions for drug/controlled substance convictions, as well as state-imposed suspensions for six other crimes. This legislation would take effect in 180 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends section 1518 of Title 4 (Amusements) to repeal the suspension of operations privileges for an individual who is convicted of underage purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages in a licensed facility (casino).

The legislation also amends sections 6305, 6307, 6308, and 6310.3 of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to repeal the suspension of operating privileges for individuals who are convicted of the following offenses:

- purchasing or attempting to purchase of tobacco by a minor under section 6305;
- misrepresentation of age to secure liquor or malt or brewed beverages by any person under 21 years of age under section 6307;
- underage purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages under section 6308; and
- carrying a false identification card by any person under 21 years of age under section 6310.3.

Section 6310.4 (relating to restriction of operating privileges) of Title 18 is repealed in its entirety to carry out the elimination of the suspension of operating privileges for the aforementioned offenses.

This legislation also amends section 4355 of Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to repeal the denial of issuance or renewal of a driver's license and repeal the suspension of the driver's license of an obligor who owes support in an amount equal to or greater than three months of monthly support obligation or where an individual has failed to comply with subpoenas or warrants relating to paternity or child support proceedings.

The legislation repeals the portion of section 1532(c) of Title 75 (Vehicles) which requires PennDOT to suspend the operating privileges of a person who is convicted of any offense involving the possession, sale, delivery, offering for sale, holding of sale, or giving away of any controlled substance under the law of the United States, this Commonwealth, or any other state. The suspension of operating privileges of any person 21 years of age or younger for a conviction or adjudication of delinquency for terroristic threats committed on any school property remains.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to PennDOT, this legislation would save a net amount of roughly \$290,000 in administrative and operational costs annually as PennDOT would no longer be required to process the driver's license suspensions for the crimes and offenses under the legislation.

During calendar year (CY) 2017, PennDOT processed approximately 39,796 violations of the kind described within this legislation. Each violator was required to pay a license restoration fee of \$73.00. When multiplying the restoration fee by the number of violations in CY 2017, the estimated amount of revenue loss to the Motor License Fund would be approximately \$2.9 million.

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