HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 229   **PRINTERS NO**. 196   **PRIME SPONSOR**: Sonney

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
Motor License Fund	$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Amends Title 75 (Vehicle Code) to provide for specific registration of recreational trailers. This legislation would take effect in 180 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 4942 of the Vehicle Code by exempting a recreational trailer over 10,000 pounds from having to be registered in combination with its towing vehicle, and adds a new Section 1920.1 to create a tier of registration fees based on weight.

A recreational trailer will be subject to the following annual registration fees based on its registered gross weight (in pounds):
- 8,000 or less = $12
- 8,001 – 13,000 = $35
- 13,001 or more = $90

A recreational trailer with a gross weight of less than 13,000 pounds may register for five years upon payment of the applicable fee for such period. A recreational trailer with a gross weight in excess of 13,000 pounds may register for a one-time fee of $425. The optional permanent registration may be transferred to another recreational trailer one time upon payment of the applicable fee.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to PennDOT, they have no way of knowing if the trailer is being registered in combination, therefore a revenue loss to the Motor License Fund is indeterminable at this point. Some of that revenue loss would be mitigated due to the fact that individual recreational trailers would have a new registration fee class ($12 to $90), higher than the current registration fees ($6 to $35).

PennDOT estimates a cost of $75,000 to make the necessary systems changes to incorporate the new fee schedule and the trailer exemption. That cost can be absorbed within available funding.

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