



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1333

PRINTERS NO. 1652

PRIME SPONSOR: Gabler

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 1333, Printer's Number 1652, amends the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act to allow for the temporary cessation of operations.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends the "Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act" (Act 418 of 1945) to provide for the temporary cessation of coal mine operations. Before a temporary cessation for a period of thirty days or more, the coal mine operator must submit a notice to the Department of Environmental Protection.

The notice shall include a statement of the exact number of acres affected in the permit area, the extent and kind of reclamation activities of the areas, and the monitoring and water treatment activities that will continue during the temporary cessation.

Temporary cessation does not relieve the operator of any obligations to comply with the act, implementing regulations, or permit conditions. The temporary cessation shall end when any of the following conditions apply:

- upon the resumption of coal extraction;
- for operator's failure to submit an application for permit renewal within at least one hundred eighty days before expiration of the existing permit; or
- for the operator's failure to comply with the act, the implementing or regulations, or approved permit.

The bill also states that operations under temporary cessation shall be effectively secured.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this bill will have no 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.