



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 446

PRINTERS NO. 1379

PRIME SPONSOR: McGarrigle

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 446, Printer's Number 1379, amends the Administrative Code to require the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to license or certify drug and alcohol recovery houses which receive public funding. This legislation is effective in two years.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires DDAP to promulgate final-omitted regulations for the licensure or certification of drug and alcohol recovery houses that receive funds or referrals from DDAP or a federal, state or other county agency. The license or certification shall be for a period of one year. The department shall establish fees for an initial certification or licensure, for a recertification or continued licensure, and for investigation of complaints that are adequate to carry out the provisions of SB 446. DDAP must create and maintain a registry on its publically accessible website of all licensed or certified drug and alcohol recovery houses in the Commonwealth and update the registry annually.

A person operating a drug and alcohol recovery house that has failed to attain or maintain licensure or certification and has not been licensed or certified by DDAP shall pay a penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation. DDAP shall refer an alleged violation of any federal, state or local law to the appropriate agency for investigation.

Fees and fines shall be deposited into the Drug and Alcohol Recovery House Fund established in this legislation and used for enforcement of this article.

FISCAL IMPACT: DDAP estimates at least 500 drug and alcohol recovery houses may apply for licensure or certification. The department shall establish fees for an initial certification or licensure, for a recertification or continued licensure, and for investigation of complaints which

should cover the costs of this legislation. Some funding may be necessary to support activities until fee revenues are received.

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