



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 624

PRINTERS NO. 1000

PRIME SPONSOR: Scarnati

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 624, Printer's Number 1000, amends the Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act providing for planned subsidence and for retroactivity.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends the Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act (Act 1 of Special Session 1 of 1966) providing for planned subsidence when occurring in a planned, predictable, and controlled manner, and not predicted to result in the permanent disruption of a waterway, shall not be considered presumptive evidence that a mining operation has the potential to cause pollution in accordance with the Clean Streams Law.

This language only applies if the Department of Environmental Protection approves an application that provides for the restoration of the premining range of flows and restoration of premining biological communities in any waterways predicted to be adversely affected by subsidence. The restoration shall be consistent with the premining existing and designated uses of waters of the Commonwealth. The provisions of the bill shall apply to all permits issued after October 8, 2005.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: June 26, 2017

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