



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 880

PRINTERS NO. 1431

PRIME SPONSOR: Langerholc

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
Commonwealth Funds	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 75 (Vehicle Code) to standardize the current truck-trailer combination width for all trucks at eight feet six inches (102 inches), while allowing for exemptions for narrow roadways. The amendment to Section 6109 would take effect immediately with the remainder of the legislation taking effect in 180 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Vehicle Code to make the standard width for all trucks 8 feet, 6 inches (102 inches). Trucks up to this width will be permitted on all highways unless an engineering and traffic study determines that the roadway width is not sufficient. If so, signs would be posted to limit the traffic as determined.

This legislation amends Section 6109 to allow local governments to restrict the operation of vehicles using guidance given under the federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982. This change will allow extension beyond current access limitations without needing an engineering and traffic study. However, municipalities would still need to follow the standards under §4902 (b) and PennDOT regulations under 67 Pa. Code Chapter 212 § 212.117 when determining that hazardous traffic conditions or other safety factors require such a prohibition or restriction.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or local funds.

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