



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1101

PRINTERS NO. 1875

PRIME SPONSOR: Stefano

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Decreases the criteria for when an owner has to get a recovered-theft vehicle title; only requiring it if the cost of repairs for a recovered theft vehicle exceeds 50% of the replacement value of the vehicle, and the owner elects to retain the title to the vehicle. This legislation would take effect in 180 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends section 1106 (related to content and effect of certificate of title) of Title 75 (Vehicle Code) to clarify that an assigned certificate of title must contain notice of the use or condition of the vehicle if it is a recovered theft vehicle.

Section 1164 (related to theft vehicles) of the Vehicle Code is amended to state that a recovered-theft vehicle title is only required if the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the replacement value of the vehicle, and the owner elects to retain the title to the vehicle. If the insurer is a self-insurer, the assessment of damage must be completed by a licensed physical damage appraiser who is not affiliated with or employed by the insurer.

If an owner has received a certificate of salvage branded as a theft vehicle after receiving payment, and the stolen vehicle is later located and passes an inspection showing damage that does not exceed 50% of the replacement value, with more than 50% of costs due to repairs that affect the safe operation of the vehicle, the owner may apply to PennDOT for an unbranded title. An individual who has not been paid the replacement value for the vehicle and has not received a certificate of salvage may use the existing certificate of title without applying for a new title.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse 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.