



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

PRINTERS NO. 1001

PRIME SPONSOR: Mackenzie

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund; State Treasury Armory Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 18, Printer's Number 1001, authorizes the release and conveyance of several parcels of land: Project 70 land use restrictions on a parcel of land in the Borough of Topton, Berks County; Project 70 land use restrictions on 4 parcels of land in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County; Project 70 land use restrictions on lands owned by Lehigh County to Whitehall Township, Lehigh County; Commonwealth land and buildings in Stroud Township, Monroe County; and public sanitary sewer easement and public water supply system easements in East Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe County.

ANALYSIS: This legislation, pursuant to the requirements of the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act (Act 8 of 1964/1), authorizes the release of Project 70 land use restrictions on a parcel of land owned by the Borough of Topton, Berks County in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on a parcel of land to be acquired by the borough for recreation, conservation and historical purposes. The bill provides for the transfer of land, specifically a 1,930 square foot parcel of land in the borough in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on a 6,863 square foot parcel of land from private landowners.

The bill authorizes the conveyance of two parcels of land totaling 20 acres owned by Lehigh County, known as Jordan Creek Parkway, along with the Project 70 restrictions to Whitehall Township, Lehigh County.

The bill authorizes the release of Project 70 land use restrictions on 4 parcels of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) land totaling 4.3 acres located in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on a 5-acre parcel of land in Wallace Township, Chester County. This 5-acre parcel will be acquired by DCNR and will become part of Marsh Creek State Park.

The bill authorizes the conveyance of 10 acres of land and improvements located in Stroud Township, Monroe County to the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority for consideration of \$45,000 under the terms established in a Lease with the Option to Purchase Agreement. The property, known as the East Stroudsburg Weekend Training Site, is currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). Sale

proceeds will be deposited in the State Treasury Armory Fund. The deed of conveyance will include a covenant prohibiting the property from being used as a licensed gaming facility.

The bill also conveys eight public water supply easements and one sanitary sewer easement located on the East Stroudsburg University campus to East Stroudsburg Borough for one dollar. The easements involve three water wells used by the borough for drinking water, which are located on the university's campus and are authorized as part of a public works project the university is undertaking.

The effective date of this legislation is immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Administrative costs related to each transaction will be covered under existing operations, while sale proceeds for the DMVA Training Site totaling \$45,000 will be deposited in the State Treasury Armory Fund.

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