



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 279

PRINTERS NO. 1330

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 279, Printer's Number 1330 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedures) by providing changes to Section 8340.3 (Rescue from motor vehicle)

ANALYSIS:

HB 279 amends the Judicial Code to provide for civil immunity when there is damage to a motor vehicle during a rescue of a person. A person will not be liable for damages to a motor vehicle to rescue an individual if the person has a good-faith reasonable belief that the individual inside the vehicle is in imminent danger, has made a good-faith effort to locate/contact the driver, law enforcement or emergency responders, uses no more force than necessary to enter the vehicle, makes a good-faith effort to place a notice on the vehicle and the person remains with the individual in a safe location until law enforcement or emergency responders arrive.

This civil immunity does not apply when a person's actions constitute gross negligence, recklessness or willful or wanton misconduct with respect to the forcible entry of the motor vehicle.

This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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DATE: April 8, 2019

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