



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 284

PRINTERS NO. 540

PRIME SPONSOR: Metcalfe

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 284, Printer's Number 540 amends Title 37 (Historical and Museums), by making changes to the administration of the State Archives, archival records and other public records managed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC).

ANALYSIS:

HB 284 amends the History Code by making the following changes:

- Removes the PHMC annual report requirement on the operation of the Conservation Center;
- Removes the PHMC notification requirements when disposing of certain property of no benefit to the PHMC;
- Establishes procedures for the sale or disposal of abandoned property on loan to PHMC;
- Identifies that PHMC shall be the administrator for the State Archives and historically valuable public records of the Commonwealth which have been transferred to PHMC;
- Authorizes PHMC to maintain archival records, local government records and older public records;
- Establishes procedures by which PHMC may retrieve Commonwealth and local archival records;
- Requires PHMC's internet site to include a public notice stating there will be public access to archival records 75 years or older beginning on July 1, 2020, unless specifically prohibited by law;
- Expands PHMC's ability to lease historic property to include residential purposes and allows for the leases to go for a period not to exceed 25 years in duration; and
- Removes certain properties from PHMC's charge that have been transferred or sold.

This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to PHMC, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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House Appropriations Committee (R)

DATE: March 11, 2019

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