



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 634 PRINTERS NO. 1493 PRIME SPONSOR: M.K. Keller

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
Commonwealth Funds	\$0	\$0
Municipal Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 75 (Vehicle Code) to provide rights to organized motorcycle processions. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends several sections of the Vehicle Code providing for organized motor processions. The key components of the legislation are described below:

Obedience to Authorized Persons Directing Traffic: This legislation amends Section 3102(2) to authorize an appropriately designated member of an organized motorcycle procession to direct, control, or regulate traffic.

Drivers in Organized Motorcycle Processions: This legislation adds a new Section 3107.1 to the Vehicle Code to allow vehicles or motorcycles to proceed past a red light or stop sign if the lead vehicle/motorcycle started through the light while it was green, or came to a complete stop at the stop sign before proceeding. Motorcycle processions within the Cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh would be prohibited. The new section also:

- Requires a lead and trailing vehicle or motorcycle to be equipped with and display a flashing yellow light, lighted head lamps, and emergency flashers. All other participants are required to have lighted head lamps and emergency flashers;
- Requires participants to bear a yellow bandana or cloth on their motorcycle for the purpose of designating that rider as a part of the procession; and
- Requires participants to give right-of-way to emergency vehicles.

Organized Motorcycle Processions: The legislation defines “organized motorcycle procession” as a group of no fewer than 10 motorcycle drivers, not including the lead or trailing vehicle or motorcycle, which meets all of the following criteria:

- The procession must be conducted between the hours of 8 AM and sunset;
- The sponsor of the procession shall notify the affected municipalities of the planned procession no later than 14 days before the commencement of the procession.
- The procession must be sponsored by a corporation or a nonprofit organization;
- The procession must be conducted for memorial or charitable purposes;
- At least 10% of the total number of motorcycle drivers in the procession must wear a Class 2 yellow reflective vest approved for use by the American National Standards Institute.

Motorcycle Procession Spacing: The legislation amends Section 3310(c) to exclude participants in an organized motorcycle procession from having to allow enough space in between each vehicle so any other vehicle may enter that space safely. Organized motorcycle processions shall not be interrupted by any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle.

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

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