



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2388

PRINTERS NO. 3592

PRIME SPONSOR: Mihalek

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** Requires the Secretary of Community and Economic Development to immediately issue a waiver to the Governor's 20200319 TWW COVID 19 Business Closure Order to all vehicle dealer activities that can adhere to the social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control to protect workers and to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would amend Act No. 175 of 1929, known as the Administrative Code, to require the Secretary of Community and Economic Development to immediately issue a waiver to the Governor's 20200319 TWW COVID 19 Business Closure Order to all vehicle dealer activities that can adhere to the social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control to protect workers and to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The legislation also provides that all businesses that receive a waiver and operate under the provisions of this legislation shall also provide, at minimum, the following protections for an essential employee:

- 1) Additional hazard pay, relative to the employee's risk of exposure.
- 2) Appropriate new personal protective equipment at the start of every shift. Personal protective equipment shall include, but not be limited to, gloves and a mask.
- 3) A work environment that maximizes the safety of the employee and the public, including, but not limited to, social distancing and barriers.
- 4) Cleaning areas with adequate soap and water and breaks to frequently engage in hand washing.
- 5) Leave for sickness, which shall be compensated at the employee's normal wage.
- 6) Information by the business if a coworker has been tested for COVID-19 and the results of those tests when available.

A business operating in this Commonwealth under a waiver that violates any of the protections for an essential employee shall be immediately closed and may not be permitted to reopen until the business is in compliance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would permit additional vehicle dealers shut-down to reopen and operate under the proclamation of disaster emergency. To the extent additional vehicle dealers can begin to operate and generate revenue and income, the Commonwealth may realize additional revenues.

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