



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2530

PRINTERS NO. 3782

PRIME SPONSOR: Owlett

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Religious Freedom Protection Act. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 4 of the Act, which pertains to free exercise of religion, to add a new subsection (c) relating to emergencies. Under this subsection, no order issued pursuant to the authority granted under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to the general authority of the Governor and disaster emergencies), nor any control measure taken under the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, may do any of the following:

- Infringe on the right to assemble to worship according to a person's faith.
- Impact the ability to travel to or from a place of worship.
- Authorize any adverse action against a religious institution or members of a religious organization for exercising their religion.

The legislation also adds a Subsection (d), which defines "adverse action" as the application of a civil or criminal penalty or the imposition of an administrative sanction.

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

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DATE: September 11, 2020

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