



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 298

PRINTERS NO. 260

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
Veteran's Trust Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 298, Printer's Number 260 amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to earmark certain fines to be deposited into the Veteran's Trust Fund, established in Title 51 (Military Affairs).

ANALYSIS: SB 298 amends the Crimes Code to earmark fines collected from violations of Section 6701 (Wearing of uniforms and insignia and misrepresentation of military service or honors ("Stolen Valor Act")) to be deposited into the Veteran's Trust Fund.

The bill amends Section 1721 of Title 51 (Military Affairs) stating that, in addition to other sources of revenue, the full amount of each fine collected from violations of the "Stolen Valor Act" shall be deposited into the Veteran's Trust Fund to be administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs.

This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have minimal fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

Unless specifically directed by law, fines collected from violations of the Crimes Code are administered by the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to cover costs for the judiciary. The "Stolen Valor Act" was enacted in 2017 and the AOPC reports there have been a total of three violations of Title 18, Section 6701 between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018, and one case was withdrawn in 2017. Therefore, there will be minimal fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

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