



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 395

PRINTERS NO. 2111

PRIME SPONSOR: Brooks

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
Motor License Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Funds	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Requires the display of the official Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Flag in Soldier's Grove at the Capitol, at all roadside rest stops and welcome centers operated by the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT), as well as at PA Turnpike Commission (PTC) service plazas. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: Requires the Governor to display the official POW/MIA flag at Soldier's Grove at the Capitol, all roadside PennDOT rest stops and welcome centers, as well as PTC service plazas.

If the existing flag poles at such locations cannot accommodate this flag, the Governor must within 30 days of the effective date submit an alternative plan to display the flag at that location. The plan must be submitted to:

- The Chair and Minority Chair of the Senate and House State Government Committees.
- The Chair and Minority Chair of the Senate and House Transportation Committees.

The legislation also requires that the Governor permit the display of the official Honor and Remember Flag from the flagpoles of any public building or ground in the Commonwealth.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to PennDOT and the PTC, there are a total of 62 locations under their jurisdiction that would require the POW/MIA flag to be flown. Both agencies estimate an average cost for a POW/MIA flag to be \$50 per flag and believe each flag would be required to be replaced three times annually due to fading and other disrepair caused by the elements. Based upon this information, the enactment of this legislation will result in full-year annual costs of approximately \$9,300.

If the POW/MIA flag cannot be accommodated on an existing flagpole, PennDOT and the PTC will incur an additional cost of \$7,000 to \$10,000 for the installation of a flagpole.

All costs can be absorbed within available funding.

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