



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 118

PRINTERS NO. 1724

PRIME SPONSOR: Ryan

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 118, Printer's Number 1724, establishes the free-standing Final Disposition of Fetal Remains Act. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: HB 118 requires a health care facility that possesses fetal remains to provide for the final disposition of those remains to be buried, in accordance with Pennsylvania Code, or cremated. The parents of the unborn child may select a location for interment or cremation at their own expense.

Upon the death of the unborn child, a person in charge of interment shall not be required to designate a name for the child and that section of the transit permit may remain blank. Information which will identify the parent of the unborn child shall remain confidential and not subject to public disclosure. Additionally, a birth certificate shall not be required to be issued for the unborn child.

Nothing in this act shall prevent simultaneous cremation of fetal remains if the parents of the unborn child do not claim the unborn child; be construed to amend the definition of "fetal death" in section 105(4) of the Vital Statistics Law of 1953; or be construed to require the issuance of a death certificate for an unborn child unless affirmatively requested by the parent or next of kin of the unborn child. Violations of this act shall be subject to the penalties of the Vital Statistics Law of 1953.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth from enactment of this legislation.

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DATE: June 8, 2021

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