



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 523

PRINTERS NO. 1822

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### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Amends the General Road Law to require that each property owner that shares a common benefit from a private road to contribute toward the maintenance and upkeep of the private road at the current level of improvement, provided there is no written maintenance agreement between the property owners. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Section 15 (related to repair of private roads) of the General Road Law (Act 169 of 1836) to require that each property owner that shares a common benefit from a private road must contribute in proportion toward the cost of maintaining the private road at the current level of improvement. These owners have the right to bring a civil action to enforce this requirement.

This section does not apply to private roads with a written agreement, to private roads established by the Commonwealth or by a municipality entitled to the exception under Section 204 of Title 26 (Eminent Domain), or to private roads with a common interest ownership community under Title 68 (Real and Personal Property).

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

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**DATE:** September 28, 2021

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