



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 957

PRINTERS NO. 1852

PRIME SPONSOR: Moul

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
Municipal Authority Funds	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Amends the Municipality Authorities Act to enable the owner of a property with multiple units, which is served by a single water meter, to periodically request the authority to adjust the amount billed if it is determined the amount billed exceeds actual usage by 30% or more. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend the Municipality Authorities Act to enable the owner of a property with multiple units, which is served by a single water meter, to periodically request the authority to adjust the amount billed if it is determined that the amount billed exceeds the amount of water actually used by 30% or more.

In order to determine actual usage, the owner would be required to show a minimum of five consecutive years of actual usage data. If the usage data shows that an adjustment is needed, the authority shall adjust the billing and use the adjusted amount going forward. However, in calculating the new amount, the authority may include up to 10% over the actual amount used.

After the initial adjustment, the property owner may not request another adjustment for five years after the adjustment is complete.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds but could result in a reduction in revenue for municipal authorities depending on the results of the actual usage data. Any estimate of these rate changes and potential revenue reduction is indeterminable at this point.

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