



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1431

PRINTERS NO. 1547

PRIME SPONSOR: Klunk

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1431 amends the Crimes Code (Title 18) concerning abuse of a care-dependent person. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1431 amends the Crimes Code concerning abuse of a care-dependent person (section 2713.1). A new subsection 2713.1 (a)(3) provides that a caretaker commits the offense of abuse of a care-dependent person if the individual, with the intent to ridicule or demean a care-dependent person, uses any audio, video or still image of the care-dependent person in any format or medium on or through any electronic service, wireless communication or any form of electronic service or wireless communication as pertaining to communication. An individual that violates this new subsection commits a misdemeanor of the third degree.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A violation of the new provisions in HB 1431 constitutes a misdemeanor of the third degree, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 and a maximum prison sentence of 1 year. Any fiscal impact resulting from additional arrests, convictions and sentences due to enactment of this legislation is indeterminable. According to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing there were no cases of abuse of a care-dependent person reported in 2018, two individuals convicted in 2019, and 4 individuals in 2020.

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