



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1694

PRINTERS NO. 2324

PRIME SPONSOR: Struzzi

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1694, Printer's Number 2324, amends the Recreational Use of Land and Water Act to limit liability and provide protections for volunteers and volunteer organizations invited by a landowner onto a property to improve it for recreational use.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends the Recreational Use of Land and Water Act (Act 586 of 1966) to provide liability protections for volunteers and volunteer organizations invited by a landowner onto a property to improve it for recreational purposes.

The bill provides for two new definitions as follows:

- "Volunteer" means a person who, without compensation, provides services to care for, enhance, preserve, restore or maintain land for recreational purposes; and
- "Volunteer organization" means a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3), (4) or (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (68A Stat. 3, 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3), (4) or (6) or an independent volunteer-based not-for-profit organization each dedicated to the care, enhancement, preservation, restoration or maintenance of land for a recreational purpose. This includes the organization's officers and directors in any circumstance in which the officer or director is subject to personal liability as a representative of the organization.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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