



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1947

PRINTERS NO. 2223

PRIME SPONSOR: O'Neal

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Municipal Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Prevents a municipality from restricting or prohibiting the connection of a utility service to a consumer based on the source of energy. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend Chapter 3 of Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) by adding Section 307 (Restrictions on utility services prohibited) to prohibit a municipality from adopting a policy that restricts or prohibits, or has the effect of restricting or prohibiting, the connection or reconnection of a utility service based upon the type of energy source to be delivered to an individual consumer within the municipality.

Additionally, a municipality would be prohibited from discriminating against a utility service provider, based in whole or in part, on the nature or source of the utility service provided to individual consumers within the municipality.

The legislation stipulates that the act would not affect the authority of a municipality to manage or operate a publicly owned utility or to take steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal facilities and operations. It further provides that a municipality's land use authority shall not be construed as restricting or prohibiting an individual or entity from choosing a utility service provider.

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

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