



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2019

PRINTERS NO. 2332

PRIME SPONSOR: Wentling

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund; Clean Water Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 2019, Printer's Number 2332, amends the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act to exempt groin structures from annual license fees.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act (Act 325 of 1978) further providing for definitions and for projects affecting submerged lands of the Commonwealth. For example, the bill inserts the term "groin structure" which is defined as a shore structure that may affect shore erosion, wave action or inundation.

Additional language is inserted under Section 15 related to projects affecting submerged lands of the Commonwealth stating that "the department shall not charge a license fee for a person to construct, repair, replace, operate, maintain or remove a groin structure at the licensed premises.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation would have minimal fiscal impact by exempting groin structures from annual Submerged Lands License Agreement (SLLA) fees. Annual SLLA fees to the Commonwealth range from \$750 to \$15,000 depending on the size of the individual structure. DEP has reported there are 26 privately-owned groin structures paying SLLA fees and resulting revenues could range between \$19,500 and \$390,000 to the Clean Water Fund, which has annual revenues of approximately \$20 million.

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