



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2457

PRINTERS NO. 2901

PRIME SPONSOR: Kerwin

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2021/22 | FY 2022/23 |
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| General Fund; Milk Marketing Fund | See Fiscal Impact | See Fiscal Impact |

SUMMARY: House Bill 2457, Printer's Number 2901, amends the Milk Marketing Law to increase milk tester and weigher sampler certification periods from one year to two years.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Sections 602 and 603 of the Milk Marketing Law (Act 105 of 1937) addressing certified testers and certified weighers and samplers. These changes synchronize the time periods to two years for field evaluations by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture of milk testers and milk weighers and samplers, and certifications by the Milk Marketing Board.

The bill also eliminates outdated language referencing fees for examinations and certificates for these individuals, which have been replaced and established by the Milk Marketing Board. Such fees in the Milk Marketing Law have long been replaced by fees established by the board and the bill references the authority of the board as established under the Milk Marketing Fee Act (Act 132 of 1978).

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation could result in the loss of approximately \$37,500 in fee revenue by collecting the fee every other year. The department reportedly will not double the current \$25 annual fee for a two-year certification, which will result in the decreased revenue and a cost savings to the approximately 1,500 certified testers, weighers and samplers. The Milk Marketing Board also anticipates the bill would result in some operational savings and simplified oversight for the regulated community.

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