



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 439

PRINTERS NO. 457

PRIME SPONSOR: Argall

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
County Funds	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** Removes the 10-year sunset provision under the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, which authorized a special deed and mortgage recording fee to be used to establish county demolition funds for blighted properties. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law (Act 87 of 1982) to provide for the establishment of an optional county demolition fund within each county of the second-class A through eighth class within the Commonwealth.

Under the act, a county may choose to levy an additional fee not to exceed \$15, upon each deed or mortgage recorded with the county recorder of deeds office. The monies generated by this fee are to go into the county demolition fund for the expressed purpose of blight demolition within the county.

The statute provides that it shall expire 10 years from its effective date. This legislation would remove the expiration date from the act.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

The Recorder of Deeds Fee Law gives counties the option to impose a fee of not more than \$15 to be used for the demolition of blighted property. Currently, there are 18 counties that have filed the required reports with the Department of Community and Economic Development for the establishment of a fund and the imposition of a fee. Removing the sunset will allow counties to continue to levy the fee for the demolition of blighted property.

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