



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1047

PRINTERS NO. 1775

PRIME SPONSOR: Gebhard

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund; State Treasury Armory Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1047, Printer's Number 1775, amends Title 51 to update language regarding authority of the State Armory Board over armories and other military facilities.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), specifically Chapter 15 addressing the State Armory Board to update definitions, language and authority regarding armories and other military facilities. For example, the definition of armory is revised as follows:

1. Land, buildings and fixtures under the control of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), which are used for housing, maintaining and supporting the Pennsylvania military forces, the PA National Guard or the Pennsylvania Guard.
2. The term includes land, buildings and fixtures at Fort Indiantown Gap.

The bill provides additional changes to sections under Chapter 15, some of which are as follows:

Section 1502 - The board may, with money appropriated to it from the fund, erect or provide armories anywhere within the Commonwealth based on decisions by the board. These armories shall be used to store and maintain property and support training assemblies, meetings and rendezvous purposes by the organizations of the Pennsylvania military forces, the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Pennsylvania Guard.

Section 1503 - The board shall be responsible for the general management and care of armories and adopt and prescribe rules and regulations for the management, operation and naming of armories and for the guidance of the organization occupying them. Section 1503.1 was added stating that the board is authorized to direct the administration and utilization of any building or structure at Fort Indiantown Gap that is owned or controlled by the Commonwealth.

Section 1504 - The board may, with money appropriated to it from the fund, purchase or lease ground in the various localities where it is deemed necessary to provide armories. The following apply:

1. The ground in each instance shall be purchased or leased in the name and for the use of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the board is authorized and directed to erect an armory or use the land for the benefit of the Pennsylvania military forces, the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Pennsylvania Guard.

2. When erecting or providing armories, the board shall inform the Adjutant General of the availability of an armory for occupancy and use. The Adjutant General shall set a timeline for the unit to occupy the armory under the direction and responsibility of the senior officer in command of the unit or organization occupying the armory.

Section 1509 addresses the rental or lease of armories and of buildings or structures at Fort Indiantown Gap. The board is authorized to rent or lease armories and may issue rules and regulations for the rental or lease of armories to responsible persons or organizations at scheduled rates approved by the board. The Adjutant General may authorize a rental or lease fee waiver to governmental and nonprofit organizations for not more than five years, while a rental or lease fee shall be payable to the fund.

Section 1511 updates language and terms related to the State Treasury Armory Fund clarifying that the proceeds from the sale, rental or lease of any armory or facility at Fort Indiantown Gap and its expenditures. Money in the fund is hereby appropriated to the department. It also strikes out language referencing that “an amount equal to the 1988-1989 rental revenues shall be provided to the department each year from the State Treasury Armory Fund.”

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would eliminate the required transfer of an amount equal to the 1988-89 rental revenues to the department each year from the State Treasury Armory Fund. The DMVA reports that rental revenues were approximately \$122,000 in FY 1988-89, which have been used to offset General Government Operations costs. This change will result in a loss of revenue to the department’s General Government Operations appropriation, but a corresponding savings to the State Treasury Armory Fund. It should be noted that the agency’s General Government Operations appropriation received an enacted FY2021-22 General Fund appropriation of \$26.4 million and the State Treasury Armory Fund had a FY2020-21 ending balance of \$1.01 million.

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