



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 95

PRINTER'S NO. 957

PRIME SPONSOR: Bullock

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact
County/Municipal Funds	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

Increases the maximum potential fines for littering and dumping.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 95 Printer's Number 957 amends Title 18 Pa.C.S. Section 6501(b)(1), (2), (3) and (4) to increase the maximum possible fines for scattering rubbish.

For a first conviction under Section 6501(a)(1) or (2), the maximum fine imposed is increased to \$2,000 from \$300. For a second conviction, the maximum fine imposed is increased to \$5,000 from \$1,000.

When an owner or operator of a trash collection vehicle, or an agent of either, violates Section 6501(a)(3), the maximum fine imposed is increased to \$10,000 from \$5,000. For a second or subsequent conviction, the maximum fine imposed is increased to \$20,000 from \$10,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Any revenue generated by fines in this section would be distributed to counties depending on the location of the penalty pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 3572.

Over the past five years, on average, counties and municipalities have collected \$73,912 per year for violations of Title 18 Pa.C.S. Section 6501(a)(1), (2) and (3). House Bill 95 increases the maximum possible fine for littering but does not increase the minimum possible fine. While it is reasonable to expect that revenues would increase because of this legislation, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) does not collect data on the distribution of fines. Without this distribution, it would be impossible to estimate how often individuals would be fined at the higher end of the distribution, and thus impossible to estimate how much revenues would increase.

Offense / Assessment Category / Entity (Recipient)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
18/6501/A1/Scatter Rubbish Upon Land/Stream Etc						
Fines	\$70,089	\$80,056	\$79,404	\$75,343	\$54,319	\$359,212
County	\$950	\$450	\$75	\$124	\$50	\$1,649
Municipality	\$69,139	\$79,606	\$79,329	\$75,219	\$54,269	\$357,563
18/6501/A2/Interfere W/Contents Of Trash Receptacle						
Fines	\$3,006	\$2,460	\$2,364	\$1,457	\$562	\$9,848
Municipality	\$3,006	\$2,460	\$2,364	\$1,457	\$562	\$9,848
18/6501/A3/Deposit Trash On Street						
Fines	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
County	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
Grand Total	\$73,095	\$82,516	\$82,268	\$76,800	\$54,880	\$369,561

Source: Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts

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