



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

PRINTER'S NO. 1030

PRIME SPONSOR: Pashinski

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0
PA Preferred Trademark and PA Preferred Organic Trademark Licensing Fund	\$0	\$0

#### SUMMARY:

Establishes the PA Preferred Organic® Trademark within the Department of Agriculture. This legislation would take effect in sixty days.

#### ANALYSIS:

The legislation establishes the PA Preferred Organic® Trademark, in addition to the existing PA Preferred® Trademark. HB 157 PN 1030 authorizes and requires the Department of Agriculture to develop a PA Preferred Organic® logo.

The bill further renames the PA Preferred restricted account within the State Treasury to the PA Preferred Trademark and PA Preferred Organic Trademark Licensing Fund.

The PA Preferred Organic® Trademark program would be voluntary for organic producers.

The Department of the Attorney General, at the request of the department, may initiate in the Court of Common Pleas in Dauphin County an action for injunction for violations to this chapter or trademark license agreement.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Any costs incurred by the department related to the PA Preferred Organic® program may be charged and passed on to licensees. All related payments collected and deposited into the PA Preferred Trademark and the PA Preferred Organic Trademark Licensing Fund will be used to administer the program.

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