



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 491

PRINTER'S NO. 2790

PRIME SPONSOR: Young

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Provides for energy efficiency and conservation plans that include mechanical insulation.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 491, Printer's Number 2790 mandates that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) may not disapprove of an energy efficiency and conservation plan filed by an electric distribution company (EDC) pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. §2806.1(b), commonly referred to as Act 129, solely because the proposed plan includes mechanical insulation that is not deemed to be cost effective.

Mechanical insulation is defined as insulation materials, facings, and accessory products used for thermal requirements for mechanical piping and equipment, hot and cold applications and heating, venting, and air conditioning applications.

The act would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Act 129 energy efficiency and conservation plans are funded by EDCs through a surcharge on customer bills, so the inclusion of mechanical insulation in a plan would have no impact on Commonwealth funds. Furthermore, while the bill may alter the PUC's evaluation of certain measures in a proposed Act 129 plan, it imposes no new responsibilities on the PUC and would require no additional resources to implement. As such, the bill would have no cost to the Commonwealth.

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