



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 859

PRINTER'S NO. 1716

PRIME SPONSOR: D. Williams

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

Provides that a municipality may deny a municipal permit to a corporation, limited liability corporation or a principal of a limited liability corporation, incorporated inside or outside of this Commonwealth with a delinquency in real property taxes or municipal charges or for failure to abate a serious violation of State law or a code on real property within any municipality of this Commonwealth.

ANALYSIS:

This bill amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) § 6131 regarding Municipal Permit Denial. It gives a municipality the authority to deny an application for a municipal permit if the applicant owns real property in any municipality and has a delinquency in real property taxes or municipal charges for failure to abate a serious violation of state law or code. This applies to a property owned by a corporation, a limited liability corporation, or a principal of a limited liability corporation incorporated inside or outside of this Commonwealth.

When applying for a municipal permit, this bill also requires that a corporation, a limited liability corporation, a principal of a limited liability corporation, or their agent to disclose in writing any delinquencies in real property taxes or municipal charges or a failure to abate a serious violation of state law or code on any real property within any municipality. Failure to disclose such delinquencies or violations shall result in a \$1,000 fine payable to the municipality.

This bill would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation would have no impact on commonwealth funds. Municipalities would see a fiscal impact based on the number of violations that occur under the disclosure requirement, but the amount would vary greatly across municipalities.

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House Appropriations Committee (D)

DATE: June 30, 2023

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