



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 953

PRINTER'S NO. 950

PRIME SPONSOR: Wentling

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** HB 953 PN 950 repeals the Frozen Desserts Law, Act 215 of 1965. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** The legislation repeals the Frozen Desserts Law, which requires the monthly testing of frozen desserts. Currently, testing is required and carried out by the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) through the Pennsylvania Code Title 7 (Agriculture) Chapter 39 (Frozen Desserts Standards) and Chapter 59a (Milk Sanitation), as well as Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 3 Chapter 57 (Food Safety).

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The testing and licensing requirements under the law are duplicative with the passage of federal and state food safety laws addressing retail and manufacturing food facilities.

PDA anticipates that not maintaining the program will result in cost savings, due to:

- Reduction in number of inspections of frozen dessert operations performed by staff in local health jurisdictions.
- Elimination of administrative time to process approximately 4700 licenses annually.
- Eliminating administrative and inspection staff time trying to compile, log, and track monthly microbiological data.

Furthermore, while repeal of the existing statute will result in revenue loss of approximately \$165,000, such loss will be more than offset by the cost savings associated with supplies to print renewals and licenses, as well as reduction of credit card fees. The inspection staff overtime costs may also be reduced by freeing up the administrative time spent by field staff and thus enabling them to conduct actual inspection work during normal business hours.

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