



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1169

PRINTER'S NO. 2875

PRIME SPONSOR: Warren

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** HB 1169 PN 2875 requires a water bottle filling station to be installed where a drinking water fountain is required to be installed in each new building within the Commonwealth. This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends the Administrative Code (Act 175 of 1929) by creating a new Section 2422 (relating to Water Bottle Filling Stations) to provide for water bottle filling stations. Provisions of the bill include:

- “Water bottle filling station” is defined as a unit which:
  - Supplies portable water, through downward facing orifice, to a water bottle
  - Delivers at least 50 gal/hr. at a temperature of not more than 50 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Is mounted on the wall or floor
  - Is a separate unit or a combination unit
  - Complies with the water quality standards prescribed by the PA Safe Drinking Water Act
- Water bottle filling station would be required to comply with the PA Construction Code and applicable plumbing standards;
- General standards of filling station(s):
  - Could not be –
    - Accessible to the mouth of a drinker
    - Subject to emersion
    - Installed within a bathroom
  - Could discharge water directly or indirectly into a drainage system
  - Water bottle filling station installation requirements include:
    - required to be installed where a drinking fountain is required for each new building or structure within the Commonwealth
    - for each building or structure within the commonwealth that undergoes a major improvement involving plumbing or pipe fitting infrastructure, a filling station would be required to be installed where an operational drinking water fountain is or was required to be installed
- Department of General services would be required to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions contained within the bill

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The enactment of this legislation could have a fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds, specifically the General Fund. The fiscal impact would be a function of costs associated with Bottle Filling Stations, type of station, its complexity, labor, and other equipment costs. The legislation would make such installations a design requirement for future Capital Projects, however the exact costs per project and per station will vary, thus the impact is indeterminate at this time. As a reference, costs associated with Bottle Filling Stations are \$2,000 to \$4,000 per station.

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