



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1522

PRINTER'S NO. 2071

PRIME SPONSOR: Probst

### COST / (SAVINGS)

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

**SUMMARY:** HB 1522 PN 2071 establishes the Wildlife Grant Program, which would provide grant funding to wildlife rehabilitators. This legislation would take effect in sixty (60) days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would create the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Program which is to be administered by the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC). Additionally, the bill creates the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Fund, within the State Treasury, from which grants would be made for wildlife rehabilitation, upgrades to wildlife rehabilitation facilities, or for a purpose determined by PGC.

Grant awards are determined based on the wildlife intake numbers, in the prior fiscal year, of a rehabilitator as follows:

- Wildlife numbering 1 to 100 - \$2,500
- Wildlife numbering 101 to 250 - \$5,000
- Wildlife numbering 251 to 500 - \$7,500
- Wildlife numbering 501 to 750 - \$10,000
- Wildlife numbering 751 to 1,000 - \$15,000
- Wildlife numbering 1,001 to 1,500 - \$20,000
- Wildlife numbering 1,501 to 2,000 - \$35,000
- Wildlife numbering 2,001 to 2,500 - \$50,000
- Wildlife numbering 2,500 or more - \$75,000

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the enactment of this legislation would be handled utilizing current staff levels, which includes the administration of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Program. Any potential fiscal impact of the legislation would be determined by the amount appropriated by the General Assembly to fund the grant program.

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