



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1615

PRINTER'S NO. 3016

PRIME SPONSOR: O'Mara

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY:

Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold or installed in Pennsylvania.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 1615, Printer's Number 3016 establishes the Pennsylvania Energy and Water Efficiency Standards Act. The legislation would impose minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold or installed within the Commonwealth.

The appliances for which new efficiency standards are imposed are:

- Commercial dishwashers
- Commercial fryers
- Commercial hot food holding cabinets
- Commercial ovens
- Commercial steam cookers
- Faucets
- Gas Fireplaces
- High CRI cold temperature and impact resistant fluorescent lamps
- Portable electric spas
- Residential ventilating fans
- Showerheads
- Spray sprinkler bodies
- Urinals
- Water closets
- Water coolers

The Environmental Quality Board is charged with promulgating regulations necessary to implement the act no later than one year after the effective date of the act. No new devices that do not meet the efficiency standards could be sold or offered for sale on or after July 1, 2025. Additionally, no new products that fail to meet the efficiency standards could be installed on or after July 1, 2026. The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to test products covered by the bill and to perform periodic inspections of distributors and retailers of products covered by the bill.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Department of Environmental Protection, implementation of this legislation can be undertaken within its existing budget. Therefore, the bill should have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

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