



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 709

PRINTER'S NO. 841

PRIME SPONSOR: **Boscola**

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: SB 37 PN 841 modifies Title 34 (Game) to make changes to penalties for killing and unlawful taking of a Bald or Golden eagle in Pennsylvania. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 2164 (relating to unlawful taking and possession of protected birds) and Section 2167 (relating to endangered or threatened species) of Title 34 (Game). Specific changes include:

- **Section 2164** (relating to unlawful taking and possession of protected birds) – provides that the killing of a Bald or Golden eagle will constitute a summary offense and be punishable by a fine of \$2,000;
- **Section 2167** (relating to endangered or threatened species) – adds subsection (4) which enhances the degree of the penalty to one degree higher under §2167(d)(1), (2), or (3), related to unlawfully taking of a Bald or Golden eagle that results in killing of the bird;

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact related to enactment of this legislation would be de minimis on Commonwealth funds, specifically the Game Fund. Conclusions related to the fiscal impact are a function of the number of occurrences and imposition of penalties within this bill.

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