

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1186

PRINTER'S NO. 1837

AMOUNT

\$38,000

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 11, 2010

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Tomlinson

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
Jan. 11, 2010

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1186 amends §705 of Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by adding the Washington Crossing National Cemetery to the list of cemeteries where the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (department) has the power to arrange for burial details for veteran soldiers being interred.

Current law authorizes the department to pay up to \$150 per day for each veterans group conducting burial details at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. This legislation simply adds the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, located in Bucks County, to the list of "authorized" cemeteries.

This Act would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The General Assembly appropriated \$38,000 to the department for the Burial Detail Honor Guard program in the fiscal year 2008-09 budget, when Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery was the only "authorized" cemetery listed in §705 of Title 51. Act 85 of 2008 added the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and the department subsequently was appropriated an additional \$38,000 for this program in the fiscal year 2009-10 budget.

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Therefore, it is determined that the enactment of this legislation, authorizing the department to arrange for burial details in an additional cemetery, would cost the Commonwealth an estimated \$38,000 annually.