

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 38

**PRINTER'S NO.** 14

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Motor License Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 19, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Caltagirone

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to JUDICIARY, Jan. 19, 2011

Reported as committed, Feb. 8, 2011

First consideration, Feb. 8, 2011

Laid on the table, Feb. 8, 2011

Removed from table, Feb. 9, 2011

Second consideration, Feb. 14, 2011

Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, Feb. 14, 2011

Re-reported as committed, Feb. 15, 2011

Third consideration and final passage, Feb. 15, 2011 (197-0)

In the Senate

Referred to JUDICIARY, Feb. 25, 2011

Reported as committed, April 12, 2011

First consideration, April 12, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 11, 2011

Re-reported as committed, June 14, 2011

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 38 amends §1725 (Philadelphia Municipal Court fees), §1725.1 (Magisterial District Judge fees) and §3571 (Commonwealth portion of fines) of Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to conform those specific sections to the changes that were made by Act 114 of 2010 to the jurisdictional limits of the Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Magisterial District Judges in the Commonwealth.

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Specifically, the jurisdictional limits are increased as follows:

- Philadelphia Municipal Court is increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000; and
- Magisterial District Judges is increased from \$8,000 to \$12,000.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Currently, the Courts of Common Pleas are collecting the fees for cases that fall into these increased jurisdictional limits. The fees being collected will simply be moved from the Courts of Common Pleas to the Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Magisterial District Judges. Therefore, it is determined that the enactment of this legislation would be revenue neutral and have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.