

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 338

**PRINTER'S NO.** 2264

**AMOUNT**

Minimal Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 28, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Leach

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to LABOR AND INDUSTRY, Jan. 28, 2011

Reported as amended, Oct. 18, 2011

First consideration, Oct. 18, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Nov. 16, 2011

Re-reported as amended, June 11, 2012

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 338 requires certain establishments to post signs providing information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline. These establishments include but are not limited to massage parlors, spas, restaurants, bars, taverns, hotels or clubs with liquor licenses, certain categories of hotels and motels, airports, train and bus stations, welcome centers owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and full-service commercial truck stops. Any other establishment may post a sign.

The sign must be clearly visible to the public and to employees. It must meet certain size requirements and contain specific information including the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline number. The sign must be posted in appropriate languages for the county in which it is displayed.

The Department of Labor and Industry (L & I) must design the sign and consult with Trafficking Victim Advocates to determine what other information may be included on the sign. The Department must make the sign available on their website so that the establishments may access and print the sign as needed.

Licensing authorities are required to provide notice to affected establishments of the requirement to post the sign. There is a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for failure to post the sign.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department expects to incur some costs to design the sign but does not have an actual dollar estimate.

The bill provides that the civil penalty, not to exceed \$500, is payable to the Department of Labor and Industry but does not specify its purpose or to what account. Therefore it is assumed such potential revenue will go into the General Fund. There is no method by which to estimate the amount of civil penalties which may be collected.