

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1141

**PRINTER'S NO.** 1909

**AMOUNT**

Minimal Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 30, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator McIlhinney

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, June 30, 2011

Reported as amended, Nov. 1, 2011

First consideration, Nov. 1, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Dec. 12, 2011

Re-reported as amended, Jan. 23, 2012

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1141, as amended, amends the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act (Act 158 of 2004) by requiring the Department of Community and Economic Development ("department") to include relocated manufactured homes in its regulations governing new manufactured homes.

The legislation requires the department to invite comments from interested parties and promulgate regulations for both new and relocated manufactured homes in order to establish procedures to assess compliance with the manufactured home construction and safety standard to which a home was originally designed and constructed, as well as an installation standard for relocated manufactured homes. Relocated manufactured homes meeting these criteria shall be deemed to comply with the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.

The procedures and installation standards shall do the following:

- Establish minimum requirements for fire safety, exterior coverings, structural integrity and other elements or design specifications that would render a manufactured home unsafe, unfit or unsanitary.
- Establish prescriptive guidelines for support, anchoring and assembly.
- Provide an alternative when the manufacturer's original installation instructions are no longer available or practical.

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- Establish criteria to evaluate the suitability of existing foundation in land lease communities which may be utilized in the installation of relocated manufactured homes.
- Establish a shallow depth frost protected foundation system which may be utilized in a land lease community.

Senate Bill 1141 provides that the permits currently required under the Uniform Construction Code for the installation and occupancy of manufactured housing would also apply to relocated manufactured homes. Furthermore, a permit for occupancy of a relocated manufactured home may not be issued unless the relocated manufactured home meets all requirements to comply with the manufactured home construction and safety standard, and the installer certifies the installation.

Under existing law, an installer must certify to both the department and the local building code official that the manufactured home has been properly installed. However, the legislation provides that, in the case of a relocated manufactured home, the installer must certify the installation to the building code official but not the department.

The Act shall take effect in 60 days.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

It is presumed there would be no costs to the Commonwealth.

Under current law, the department determines and approves reasonable fees for educational programs, testing and certification of those persons certified to install and inspect the installation of new manufactured homes. Senate Bill 1141 would extend this authority to all manufactured homes.

Information from FY 2010-11 indicates that the department collected a total of \$49,205 in manufactured housing certificate and training fees. To the extent that additional home installers would be certified and trained to service relocated manufactured homes, the Commonwealth could realize a minimal amount of additional revenue resulting from the uptick in fees received.