

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1298

PRINTER'S NO. 1864

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

October 18, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Smucker

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, Oct. 18, 2011

Reported as amended, Dec. 14, 2011

First consideration, Dec. 14, 2011

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Jan. 18, 2012

Re-reported as committed, March 13, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1298 amends the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act to provide for composting to be an allowable practice on land enrolled in the Clean and Green Program.

Specifically, the bill adds the term "compost" to the definition of "agricultural commodity" and defines compost as "material resulting from the biological digestion of dead animals, animal waste or other biodegradable materials, at least fifty percent (50%) by volume of which is comprised of products commonly produced on farms."

The bill also provides that if a change related to composting becomes effective during an active appeal which is related to composting, no rollback taxes shall be due or collected and shall be reimbursed if already paid.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1298 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.