

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

- Requires the county board to prepare a written report of the inspection within ten days and provide it to the landowner. If a violation is discovered, it requires the report to be sent to the landowner by certified mail.

- Allows the county board and the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board to inspect restricted land, without prior notice, if there is reasonable cause to believe that any provision of the deed of easement has been or is being violated.

The legislation abrogates regulations and is scheduled to take effect immediately.

Presently, under the regulations, county boards are required to make inspections on an annual basis and mail inspection notices and inspection reports by certified mail.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 84 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Allowing inspections on a biennial basis and eliminating some of the certified mail requirements will result in savings for county boards.