

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 784

PRINTER'S NO. 2158

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 25, 2013

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Evankovich

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to FINANCE, Feb. 25, 2013

Reported as committed, March 12, 2013

First consideration, March 12, 2013

Laid on the table, March 12, 2013

Removed from table, March 13, 2013

Second consideration, with amendments, April 9, 2013

Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, April 9, 2013

(Remarks see House Journal Page), April 9, 2013

Re-reported as committed, April 10, 2013

Third consideration and final passage, April 10, 2013 (199-0)

In the Senate

Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 16, 2013

Reported as committed, June 5, 2013

First consideration, June 5, 2013

Laid on the table, June 12, 2013

Removed from table, June 19, 2013

Amended on second consideration, June 25, 2013

Second consideration, June 26, 2013

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 26, 2013

Re-reported as committed, June 28, 2013

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 784 repeals Article XVI-I of the Fiscal Code and creates a freestanding act to be known as the Development Permit Extension Act. The bill contains the substantive provisions of Article XVI-I of the Fiscal Code which relate to the extension of development permits approved by a government agency.

"Government agency" is defined to be the Commonwealth, a political subdivision or an agency, department, authority, commission or board of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision. The term includes regional commissions, boards or instrumentalities with the authority to issue approvals.

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The bill provides that the expiration date for the approval by a government agency that is granted for or in effect during the extension period (between December 31, 2008 and July 2, 2016), whether obtained before or after the beginning of the extension period, shall be automatically suspended during the extension period.

The bill adds a new subsection that provides that any government approval granted after July 2, 2013, shall not be extended beyond the normal approval periods of the government agency without the permission or approval of the agency.

The bill provides that the extension period shall be the maximum approval period authorized by this act and shall supersede the normal time period for approvals relating to development.

The act takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The provisions in the bill are not expected to have any adverse fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or political subdivisions, because extensions of permits approved after July 2, 2013, can only be granted with the permission or approval of the government agency.