

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1274

**PRINTER'S NO.** 1637

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Criminal Laboratory User Fee Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 30, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Farry

**HISTORY OF BILL**

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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1274 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for criminal laboratory user fees.

Specifically, this legislation amends §1725.3 to provide that any county or State Police criminal laboratory which provides laboratory services for the prosecution may submit the costs of the services to the court where the prosecution occurred to be assessed against the defendant.

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## **FISCAL NOTE**

Laboratory service fees collected are to be paid to the county performing the services, or the Pennsylvania State Police where applicable.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Current law allows for the collection of criminal laboratory user fees by counties of the first class, counties of the second class and the Pennsylvania State Police.

User fees collected for services provided by a criminal laboratory operated by the Pennsylvania State Police are paid into a special non-lapsing fund of the Pennsylvania State Treasury, known as the Criminal Laboratory User Fee Fund. These funds are appropriated (Act 140 of 1992) to the Pennsylvania State Police to be used solely for operation and maintenance of Pennsylvania State Police laboratories.

This legislation simply gives counties of all classes authority to collect user fees for services provided in criminal laboratories located within a county other than a county of the first or second class.

Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.