

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1490

**PRINTER'S NO.** 2138

**AMOUNT**

\$5,874,399  
No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Newly Established Funds  
Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund  
Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 11, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Ross

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to URBAN AFFAIRS, June 11, 2013  
Reported as committed, June 12, 2013  
First consideration, June 12, 2013  
Re-committed to RULES, June 12, 2013  
Re-reported as committed, June 19, 2013  
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In the Senate  
Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 25, 2013  
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Second consideration, June 27, 2013  
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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1490 amends Chapters 55 and 57 of Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes governing regulation of taxicabs and limousines in cities of the first class.

Specifically, this legislation does the following:

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- Establishes the two special funds within the Treasury entitled the "Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund" and the "Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund" of which expenditures are restricted for the purposes of operations, administration and enforcement of regulations within the Philadelphia Parking Authority;
- Amends the process of establishing an annual budget and fee approval process for the regulation of taxicab and limousine operations in cities of the first class by the Philadelphia Parking Authority;
- Establishes a formula for determining the annual assessments on taxicabs and limousines in cities of the first class;
- Prescribes a fee schedule for the payment of assessments on taxicabs and limousines in cities of the first class;
- Creates a procedure for filing an administrative appeal to dispute the annual assessment on taxicabs and limousines in cities of the first class; and
- Appropriates \$5,874,399 to the Philadelphia Parking Authority from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund for the fiscal period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 to implement and administer the provisions of this Act.

This act shall take effect immediately.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

A balance of funds remaining in the Regulatory Fund and previously held by the Philadelphia Parking Authority shall be transferred to the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund in the State Treasury upon the effective date of this legislation. These funds shall be transferred in equal amounts each month by the State Treasurer to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the purposes of administering the provisions of this Act.

The Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund will receive revenue generated from fees and interest earned from the sale of medallions. These funds shall be transferred in equal amounts each month by the State Treasurer to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the purposes of administering and enforcing taxicab regulations.

The current assessment and fee schedule is amended into statute; therefore, this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The amount appropriated to the Philadelphia Parking Authority in this legislation is consistent with their budget submission to the General Assembly from March 2013.