

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 602

PRINTER NO. 716

AMOUNT

\$223,130 Annual Costs

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 26, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Barrar

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 602 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, to further provide for the pay of officers and enlisted personnel of the Pennsylvania National Guard who are in active State service.

Specifically, §3102 (Pay of officers and enlisted personnel in active State service) is amended by increasing the minimum state active duty pay for Pennsylvania National Guard personnel from not less than \$75 per day to not less than \$100 per day.

The Pennsylvania National Guard personnel are entitled to "state active duty" pay whenever they are ordered on active duty for State service by the Governor for in-state disasters and emergencies.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), a 5-Year History of State Active Duty expenses for in-state disasters and emergencies, report total salary costs at \$3,346,951, for an annual average of \$669,390. These costs are paid out of the DMVA's General Government Operations (GGO) appropriation and are subsequently reimbursed by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). PEMA may be reimbursed by the federal government through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) if the Governor requests a declaration of a major disaster from the President of the United States, as required by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (the Stafford Act §401).

Assuming the same average annual salary costs with the passage of this legislation, there would be a negative fiscal impact of \$223,130 to the Commonwealth on an annual basis assuming none of the costs are reimbursed by the federal government.