

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 289

PRINTER NO. 173

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 20, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Fontana

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 289 Amends the act of April 8, 1949 (P.L. 418, No.58) to authorize a governmental unit to use public funds for the improvement, extension, repair or rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines connected to public sewer systems.

The legislation requires the municipality or municipal authority to consider the available public funds, equipment, personnel and facilities and the competing demands of the municipality for the same.

A governmental unit that has completed the improvements shall not be deemed to be the owner of the private lateral sewer lines or to have any further responsibility to conduct those activities unless a governmental unit makes an affirmative determination to accept those obligations.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 289 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

The legislation authorizes, but does not require, a municipality or municipal authority to use public funds for the improvement, extension, repair or rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines connected to sewage disposal systems. Senate Bill 289 does require a municipality or municipal authority to consider the available public funds, equipment, personnel and facilities and the competing demands of the municipality for those public funds. Presumably, these governmental entities will expend public funds on private sewer lines only in instances where money is available and the expense is in the best interests of the municipality or municipal authority.