

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 930

PRINTER NO. 1607

AMOUNT

No Fiscal impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 26, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Stefano

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 930 establishes a new Chapter 22 (Diverse and Disadvantaged Businesses) in Title 62 (Procurement) to recognize Pennsylvania’s woman-owned, minority-owned and veteran-owned businesses.

The legislation requires the Department of General Services to: (1) establish a process to verify a diverse or disadvantaged business as Pennsylvania home state-certified for the purpose of other state or national disadvantaged business programs; (2) verify that a business has been certified by a third-party organization recognized by the department; and (3) compile, maintain and make source lists of businesses verified by the department as diverse or disadvantaged for the purpose of encouraging procurement from those businesses.

The bill defines a “diverse and disadvantaged business” as a minority-owned business, veteran-owned business or a woman-owned business.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 120 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 930 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. While the Department of General Services has indicated that it will need to make modifications to existing databases to implement the provisions contained in the legislation, the modifications can be accomplished with its existing information technology staff and within its current operating budget.