

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 99

PRINTER NO. 424

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 23, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Zimmerman

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 99 amends the Borough Code (Title 8) to allow for emergency contracts and purchases in boroughs and incorporated towns.

This legislation allows for boroughs and incorporated towns to make contracts or purchases without advertising for bids during an emergency. In those situations, council must, in a resolution during the next public meeting, state the emergency and the nature of the procurement. It also extends exemptions to situations when a municipality declares a disaster emergency.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds.

There is no fiscal impact to municipal funds. It can be anticipated that costs incurred in response to an emergency would be incurred regardless of the specific procurement procedures in place. Savings may be recognized due to the elimination of the administrative and publishing costs incurred by a municipality to publish a request for bids. The cost to publish in the Legal Notice section in a medium sized paper is for a full page \$6,800, half-page \$3,400 and quarter-page \$1,700. Depending on the size of the publication needed for the bidding, it could be anticipated that a municipality will be able to forego that cost in future emergencies.