

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 163

PRINTER NO. 4053

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 23, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Saccone

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 163 amends Titles 4 (Amusements), 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to eliminate the driver's license suspension for certain non-driving related violations.

This legislation eliminates driver's license suspensions for the following non-driving related violations:

- Attempting to purchase, purchasing, consuming, possessing or knowingly and intentionally transporting any liquor or malt or brewed beverages by a minor or by a minor in a licensed gambling facility;
- Purchasing tobacco by a minor;
- Misrepresentation of age to purchase liquor or malt or brewed beverages by a minor;
- Carrying a false identification card; and
- Conviction of any offense involving the possession, sale, delivery, offering for sale, holding for sale or giving away of any controlled substance.

This act shall take effect in 180 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (department), there were 33,712 driver's license suspensions processed during the calendar year 2017 for these offenses. The department would experience personnel savings of approximately \$390,000 as it would no longer be required to process suspensions for crimes and offenses itemized above.

Drivers are required to pay a non-commercial fee of \$73.00 in order to restore their operating privileges. Assuming that the number of drivers who pay to restore their operating privileges in a given year is about equal to the number of suspensions processed, the Motor License Fund would experience a negative fiscal impact of approximately \$2.5 million per year. Additionally, the department indicates that it would incur a one-time cost of approximately \$100,000 to perform system changes to the driver license and control system.