

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 165

PRINTER NO. 129

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 23, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Saccone

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 165 amends Chapter 37 of Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to authorize one additional medal and one additional award that may be presented by the Governor.

This legislation creates and authorizes the "Pennsylvania Achievement Medal" and the "Pennsylvania Veterans Service Award." Additionally, it authorizes the Governor to award the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal and the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal to civilians, veterans and members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard or armed forces of the United States or their reserve components.

The qualifications for awarding the "Pennsylvania Achievement Medal" and the "Pennsylvania Veterans Service Award" shall be prescribed by the Adjutant General by regulation or guideline.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the estimated costs associated with presenting the above mentioned medals and awards would be de minimis in the scope of the Department's budget and can be absorbed within its existing fiscal resources.

Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds.