

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 290

PRINTER NO. 2087

AMOUNT

\$3.6 million cost
\$4.0 million revenue

FUND

Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund
Storage Tank Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 2, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Metzgar

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 290 amends the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act

Reallocates the appointments to the USTIF board as follows:

- The Governor shall appoint two members;
- The President pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member;
- The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member;
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member;
- The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member.

Removes the Middle Atlantic Truck Stop Operators from the board and adds a statewide organization representing fuel retailers and food merchants.

Extends the sunset date for the Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

Changes the allocation for the Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program to \$750,000 (increased from \$500,000).

Extends the sunset date for the Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

Changes the allocation for the Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program to \$350,000 (decreased from \$1,000,000).

Provides for investigation and closure costs by allowing the Department of Environmental Protection to request additional funding.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 290 provides for an additional \$4.0 million transfer from the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund to the Storage Tank Fund for investigation and closure costs related to storage tanks. The changes in the allocations for the Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup and Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention programs will reduce costs by \$400,000, resulting in a net cost of \$3.6 million annually when considering the increased transfer.

The additional transfer was assumed in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Governor's Executive Budget.