

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1494

**PRINTER NO.** 1904

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 5, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Rapp

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1494 amends Section 318 of the Conservation and Natural Resources Act (Act 1995-18) to provide the Governor with authority to enter into a cooperative agreement with federal agencies for the purpose of harvesting and selling timber, engaging in activities which promote forest regeneration and other activities to restore or improve the health of forests and watersheds upon federal lands within the Commonwealth. The legislation provides that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may contract with private contractors to perform forest management activities on federal lands under the terms of a federal cooperative agreement.

All monies received from the sale of timber on federal lands under a federal cooperative agreement shall be used by the Department to administer, implement and pay all costs associated with the cooperative agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources advises that the enactment of this legislation will have no negative fiscal impact to the Department or the General Fund. Revenues from the sale of timber from federal land would be used to offset the Department's costs. Furthermore, the Department advises it would not enter into a cooperative agreement or perform work under such agreement if all costs could not be offset by timber sale revenues.