

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 624

PRINTER NO. 697

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 13, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Scarnati

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 624 amends the Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act to provide that planned subsidence in a predictable and controlled manner, which is not predicted to result in the permanent disruption of existing or designated uses of water of the Commonwealth, shall not be considered presumptive evidence that a bituminous coal mine subject to this act has the potential to cause pollution as defined under the Clean Streams Law.

The bill specifies that this provision shall only apply if a bituminous coal mine subject to this act submits a plan to the department that provides for the mitigation of predicted subsidence-induced impacts and the plan is approved by the department.

Section 3 of the legislation provides that the addition of Sections 5 (i) and (j) shall apply retroactively to all permits issued under the act that were subject to an appeal heard by the Environmental Hearing Board after June 30, 2016.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 624 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds