

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 639

**PRINTER NO.** 727

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

PENNVEST

**DATE INTRODUCED**

April 20, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Fontana

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 639 amends the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Authority Act (Act 16 of 1988) to authorize a governmental unit to use public funds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, expansion, extension, repair, rehabilitation or security measures of private lateral sewer lines and private lateral water lines that are connected to public systems.

The legislation allows a governmental unit to use financial assistance received under the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Authority Act for the improvement, extension, repair or rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines or water lines connected to the public systems in instances where the governmental unit determines that those activities will benefit the public sewer or water system.

A governmental unit that has completed the improvements shall not be deemed to be the owner of the private lateral sewer lines or water lines, and the governmental unit shall have no further responsibility to conduct those activities unless a governmental unit makes an affirmative determination to accept those obligations.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 639 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

The legislation authorizes, but does not require, a municipality or municipal authority to use public funds for the improvement, extension, repair or rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines or water lines connected to public systems. Presumably, these governmental units will expend public funds on private lateral sewer lines or water lines only in instances where money is available and the expense is in the best interests of the municipality or municipal authority.