

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 802

PRINTER NO. 1013

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 26, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Hutchinson

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 802 amends the First Class Township Code to allow townships of the first class to purchase used equipment, vehicles, and other personal property from volunteer emergency service organizations without competitive bidding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds.

Currently, there are competitive bidding exemptions provided for transactions between local governments, the Commonwealth and federal government to allow for contracts where the public interest may not be reflected by private market values for goods and services. It can be anticipated that First Class townships would recognize savings from lower market value prices agreed to between townships and these quasi-governmental organizations. It is also anticipated that townships will save the advertising and administrative costs associated with preparing a notice for requests for bids. The average cost to publish in a medium size paper in the Legal Notice section for a full page is about \$6,800, half-page \$3,400 and quarter-page \$1,700.