

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 898

**PRINTER NO.** 1200

**AMOUNT**

Indeterminate Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Motor License Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

September 25, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Brooks

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 898 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to exempt municipal trucks from state bonding requirements when these vehicles are maintaining or constructing local roads.

§ 4902 (relating to restrictions on use of highways and bridges) is amended to provide for the following:

- Enable vehicles operated by municipalities, local authorities and persons under contract with municipalities or local authorities for road maintenance or construction to be exempt from restrictions on the use of highways while maintaining or constructing municipal roads;
- Allow municipalities and local authorities to determine which vehicles are exempt; and
- Require written documentation, signed by an official of the municipality or local authority exempting said vehicle, to be carried while maintaining or constructing municipal roads.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to the Department of Transportation, it does not have a formal mechanism to track incidents pertaining to oversize and overweight loads from municipal vehicles, despite providing a single example of an incident that resulted in damage in the amount of \$700,000. In the absence of a formal tracking mechanism and a larger sample size of incidents, we are unable to determine the fiscal impact that could result from this legislation.