

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 86

PRINTER NO. 88

AMOUNT

\$126,000

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 28, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Maloney

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 86 amends Act 49 of 1970, which grants the Governor the authority to regulate the display of the flag, to require that when the United States flag is displayed on any ground or building owned or under the control of the Commonwealth, the official POW/MIA flag shall also be displayed where it can reasonably be accommodated.

The legislation also provides that in the case of all other grounds and buildings in the Commonwealth, the Governor shall permit the display of the POW/MIA flag.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of General Services (department) has identified 840 locations where the POW/MIA flag would be required to be displayed on buildings and grounds across the Commonwealth. The department also estimates the cost for a POW/MIA flag to be \$50 per flag and believes each flag would be required to be replaced three (3) times annually due to fading and other disrepair caused by the elements. Based upon this information, the enactment of House Bill 86 will cost the Commonwealth \$126,000 annually.

Additionally, there may be other minor costs to accommodate the installation of an additional flag on an existing flagpole which can be accomplished within the agency's existing operating budget.