

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 145

PRINTER NO. 119

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

January 31, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Yaw

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 145 amends Section 14.1 (Purchase of agricultural conservation easements) in the Agricultural Area Security Law to further provide for restrictions on the subdivision of preserved farmland.

The bill clarifies that the construction of a residence on preserved farmland is permitted for the landowner, an immediate family member or an employee and provides that the landowner may voluntarily relinquish the right to construct an additional residence on preserved farmland by recording an affidavit of consent with the county recorder of deeds.

The bill also clarifies that a subdivision for the purpose of a residence is permitted, regardless of whether it already exists or needs to be constructed and provides that the subdivision right may not be exercised if the right to construct a residence has been relinquished.

The bill is scheduled to take effect in 60 days, retroactive to December 14, 1988.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 145 will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.