

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 236

PRINTER NO. 200

AMOUNT

\$71,215,000

\$275,000

FUND

Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund

Restricted Revenue Account

DATE INTRODUCED

February 7, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Browne

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 236 appropriates \$71,215,000 from the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry for administration of the Workers’ Compensation Act and the Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act for Fiscal Year 2019-20. The fund is supported by annual assessments on insurers and self-insurers under the act.

Senate Bill 236 appropriates \$275,000 from the restricted revenue account within the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development for the operation of that office for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 236 will cost the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund \$71,215,000 in Fiscal Year 2019-20. That preliminary funding amount is level with last year’s enacted budget and represents an \$851,000 increase from the Governor’s proposed level. The appropriation will be revised when a final funding amount for the FY 2019-20 is determined.

Senate Bill 236 will cost the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund \$275,000 in Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the operation of the Office of Small Business Advocate. That preliminary funding amount is level with last year’s budget and represents a \$5,000 decrease from the Governor’s proposed level.