

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 744

PRINTER NO. 953

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund
Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 10, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Langerholc

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 744 amends Section 4706 (Prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program) of Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to exempt certain counties of the Commonwealth from the enhanced vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program.

This legislation requires the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), within 60 days of the effective date, to initiate the process of removing the following counties from the program:

- I. A county of the third class with a population between 214,000 and 215,000;
- II. A county of the third class with a population between 320,000 and 321,000;
- III. A county of the third class with a population between 365,000 and 366,000;
- IV. A county of the fourth class with a population between 143,000 and 144,000;
- V. A county of the fifth class with a population between 116,000 and 117; and
- VI. A county of the fifth class with a population between 127,000 and 128,000.

The revised state implementation plan shall be completed no later than January 1, 2020, and shall convincingly demonstrate that the counties listed above can maintain the relevant standards without benefit of the emissions reductions attributable to the vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program. DEP shall comply with federal law during the process, including ensuring the revision will not interfere with attainment requirements or jeopardize federal funding.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will affect all vehicles located within seven counties currently participating in the Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program (I/M Program). The following chart illustrates the regions, counties and number of subject vehicles in each.

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Region:	County:	Number of Vehicles:
Northern	Blair	93,269
Northern	Cambria	103,948
Northern	Lackawanna	142,029
Northern	Luzerne	229,480
Northern	Lycoming	90,107
Northern	Mercer	77,478
Pittsburgh	Westmoreland	268,173
Total:		1,004,484

According to supplemental information from The Joint State Government Commission (commission) related to Senate Resolution 168 of 2017 and an October 2018 Advisory Committee Report, PennDOT collects \$1.65 per vehicle, per emissions test as a program management fee. The department utilizes a subcontractor to administer the emissions program. Therefore, there would be no fiscal impact to PennDOT.

Additionally, the commission reported that there are no funds appropriated to the DEP for I/M Program related duties. DEP fulfills its responsibilities for motor vehicle emissions inspections through PennDOT's Drive Clean PA Program. Therefore, there would be no fiscal impact to DEP as well.

Finally, the commission reported that cost savings to consumers would be roughly offset by the loss of income to the inspection stations. PennDOT would also be collecting \$1.7 million less by the elimination of the program management fee in the seven counties listed above.

It is assumed that any programmatic changes that may be needed by PennDOT and/or DEP would be minimal and capable of being accommodated within each agency's current workload and budget.