

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1171

PRINTER NO. 1535

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 1, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Hutchinson

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1171 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require a minimum number of axles to haul pulpwood or wood chips.

This legislation amends section 4968 (relating to permit for movement during course of manufacture) to require a combination of vehicles hauling pulpwood or wood chips to have a minimum five-axle combination with certain characteristics (i.e., vehicles not exceeding 95,000 pounds) and a minimum six-axle combination with certain characteristics (i.e., vehicles not exceeding 107,000 pounds) while operating on specified highways owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and local authorities.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation simply provides for safer options for heavy hauling permit holders by providing heavy haulers the option of using equipment with additional axles if the load meets the weight criteria of the permit, while hauling pulpwood or wood chips.

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.