

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 156

PRINTER NO. 1029

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 8, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Pashinski

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 156 makes technical changes to Title 3 (Agriculture) Chapter 68 (Fertilizer) to remove the definition of "pesticide applicator," allow for the application of fertilizer by residents and establish a new definition for the term "sanitized."

For information purposes, Chapter 68 (Fertilizer) was amended during the previous legislative session to update fees to be paid by fertilizer manufacturers and guarantors and to outline provisions for the labeling and application of fertilizer. The legislation as introduced included a program for certifying pesticide applicators; however, that language was not included in the final version of the legislation that became law. The technical corrections are needed to remove the references that are related to that program.

The definition of "sanitized" is added in the legislation to clarify the definition of "compost". "Sanitized" is defined as "a process to significantly reduce the viability of pathogens and weed seeds."

The legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 156 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.