

# **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 358

**PRINTER NO.** 1798

**AMOUNT**

See Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 14, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative R. Mackenzie

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 358 creates a new chapter in Title 35 (Health and Safety) to establish the Keystone First Responder Award. The award will be presented to a first responder who sustained a career-ending injury in the line of duty or the next of kin of a first responder who was killed in the line of duty. The award will consist of a plaque and a medal.

Award recipients will be selected by the governor from a list of potential recipients prepared by a committee consisting of the State Fire Commissioner, the directors of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Bureau of Emergency Services within the Department of Health, the Secretary of General Services and the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police. The committee will also include representatives from the State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, Pennsylvania National Emergency Number Association, Pennsylvania State Coroners Association and the Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association.

This legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This legislation provides that the Keystone First Responder Award will consist of a plaque and a medal. Purchasing the plaque and medal will result in a de minimis cost that can be accommodated within the existing budget for the Governor's Office.