

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 152

**PRINTER NO.** 124

**AMOUNT**

See Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 19, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator J. Ward

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 152 repeals the Frozen Dessert Law (Act 215 of 1965), which regulates the licensing, manufacture and sale of frozen desserts in the Commonwealth.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The enactment of Senate Bill 152 will have no negative fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Repealing the Frozen Dessert Law will result in a loss of license fee revenue of approximately \$168,000 annually. However, the Department of Agriculture has indicated that the revenue loss will be offset by administrative cost savings related to the reduction in staff time to process licenses and license renewals and to review microbiological testing results under the existing program.

Additionally, current law requires monthly microbiological testing of frozen desserts by a retail food facility at a department-approved laboratory. Repealing the law eliminates this requirement and will reduce monthly testing costs at these facilities.