

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 198

**PRINTER NO.** 81

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 19, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Bartolotta

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 198 amends the Environmental Hearing Board Act to amend a definition and make changes to the standard of review of the board.

This legislation adds the definition of 'record of decision' which is defined as a decision justification document prepared by the department that shall include any correspondence or decision by the department regarding a permit or any response written by the applicant or the department.

Senate Bill 198 changes the appeal of a permit process by exclusively limiting the review by the board to issues included in the record of decision. It shall be the responsibility of the party making the appeal to prove the decision was arbitrary and capricious.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 198 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.