

FISCAL NOTE

April 18, 2017

Bill No:	HB 247	Printer's No:	209	Sponsor:	Sainato (D)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
Pennsylvania Veteran's Monuments and Memorial Trust Fund	\$0	See "FISCAL IMPACT"
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SUMMARY: This bill would Amend Title 51 (Military Affairs) and Title 75 (Vehicles) changing the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund to the Pennsylvania Veterans' Monuments and Memorial Trust Fund.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 247 would change the Pennsylvania Veteran's Memorial Trust Fund to the Pennsylvania Monuments and Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund, which would be established in the State Treasury and administered by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). Monies in the fund would be used for the promotion, administration and maintenance of monuments and memorials dedicated to Pennsylvania veterans and military units, as well as incidental costs approved by DMVA. At a minimum, the following monuments would be required to receive funding:

- The Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.
- The American battle monuments located overseas officially owned or recognized by the commonwealth.
- The Pennsylvania unit monuments and markers within the Gettysburg National Military Park would be required to receive funding.
- Other Pennsylvania military memorials and monuments as designated or recognized by the department would receive funding as designated or recognized by DMVA.

DMVA would be authorized to accept gifts and donations, as well as solicit funds from public and private entities to sustain the fund. DMVA would be authorized to use up to two percent of the available funds as of October 31 of each calendar year to administer the fund. The act would also shift the revenues from the \$23 fee paid by applicants for a Pennsylvania Monument registration license plate from the Veterans Trust Fund to the Veteran's Monuments and Memorial Trust Fund.

This act would be effective 60 days upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: No adverse fiscal impact would be expected upon enactment of this bill. DMVA currently receives revenue to maintain commonwealth monuments and memorials. This act would simply change the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund to the Pennsylvania

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Veterans' Monuments and Memorial Trust Fund establishing one fund to financially support the maintenance and administration of monuments and memorials. Additionally, under this act DMVA would be authorized to use up to two percent of the available funds as of October 31 of each calendar year to administer the fund. This would help alleviate the financial burden to other appropriations that may not have adequate funds to support the maintenance of monuments and memorials. The act would also shift the revenues from the \$23 fee paid by applicants for a Pennsylvania Monument registration license plate from the Veterans Trust Fund to the Veteran's Monuments and Memorial Trust Fund.