

FISCAL NOTE

November 28, 2017

Bill No:	SB 625	Printer's No:	1288	Sponsor:	Brooks (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
Motor License Fund	\$470,000	\$0

SUMMARY: This bill would amend Act 151 of 1961 (relating to erection of state highway roadside rests) to require the display of the POW/MIA flag.

ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 625 would require the display of the POW/MIA flag at all roadside rests and welcome centers in the commonwealth. If the roadside rest or welcome center has an existing flag pole, the POW/MIA flag may be flown from the existing flag pole. Additionally, when the POW/MIA Flag is to be displayed with a flag flown at half mast, the POW/MIA flag may be removed.

This act would be effective 60 days upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Transportation (DOT) would incur a one-time cost of \$470,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18. Currently, DOT Facilities Management Division maintains 35 Roadside Rest Areas and 12 Welcome Centers throughout the commonwealth. This act would require additional flag poles and substructures at each of the 47 locations to accommodate the POW/MIA Flag pursuant to this act. Although the bill states that DOT may use the existing flagpole currently located at the roadside rest areas and welcome centers to fly the POW/MIA flag, the federal government does not provide for three flags to be flown on one flag pole by government entities. Therefore, DOT would incur infrastructure costs to construct additional flag poles.

FY 2017-18	
Estimated Costs to Construct Flag Poles	
Infrastructure Costs	\$470,000
Total	\$470,000