

FISCAL NOTE

February 15, 2018

Bill No:	SB 898	Printer's No:	1452	Sponsor:	Brooks (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
Motor License Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: This bill would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) to exempt certain vehicles from size and weight restrictions when those vehicles are being used to maintain or construct municipal roads.

ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 898 would exempt vehicles owned by local municipalities and local authorities from weight and size restrictions when those vehicles are used to maintain or construct municipal roads. The exemption would also apply to vehicles used by local municipal and local authority contractors if authorized by the municipality or local authority. All exempt vehicles, while maintaining or constructing roads would be required to carry written documentation signed by a municipal or authority official, which specifies the vehicle is exempt.

This act would be effective 60 days upon passage.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Transportation (DOT) would incur an annual infrastructure cost of approximately \$500,000 to \$2,500,000. Over-posted-size and over-posted-weight vehicles create a risk to the commonwealth's roads and bridges. This bill proposes to exempt vehicles owned by local municipalities and authorities from weight and size restrictions. Implementation of this act would create infrastructure damage. The cost range presented is based on previous cases of unrecoverable damages that have resulted from exempt hauling for large municipal and governmental agency construction projects.