

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No:	HB 266	Printer's No:	237	Sponsor:	Lawrence (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2018-19	2019-20
Clean Air Fund/Non Title V	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	\$1,132,000

SUMMARY: This bill amends Title 75 by changing emission inspection requirements for certain vehicles in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh regions.

ANALYSIS: HB 266 requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to petition the EPA to approve changes to emission testing requirements for vehicles with model years 1992-1995 in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh regions. Currently, these vehicles registered in the Pittsburgh region are subject to two-speed idle testing, and these vehicles registered in the Philadelphia region are subject to both two-speed idle testing and tailpipe and acceleration simulation mode (ASM).

The bill seeks to eliminate the existing tests for these vehicles and replace them with fuel filter gas cap testing and a visual emission control device inspection. These altered emission inspection requirements would also apply to vehicles with model year 1996 and after registered in the South Central region.

This legislation takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: In order to successfully petition the EPA for these changes in Pennsylvania's Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) regulations, DEP must develop an analysis which models the increased emissions as a result of the change in inspection requirements. DEP will then need to offset this projected increase in emissions. To achieve this, DEP will likely have to purchase Emission Reduction Credits (ERCs) for Nitrogen Oxide (NOx). DEP projects that the costs for these ERCs will be \$1,132,000 in the next fiscal year.