

FISCAL NOTE

June 27, 2023

Bill No:	SB 225	Printer's No:	938	Sponsor:	Dush
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2022-23	2023-24
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: SB 225 increases the amounts that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), and Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) pay in payments in lieu of taxes.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends the Fiscal Code to increase the amount these agencies pay in payments in lieu of taxes on property in the county, school district, or township it is located in: \$2.85 per acre for DCNR and \$1.70 per acre for PFBC and PGC.

SB 225 also requires the Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) to adjust the amount these agencies pay by the Consumer Price Index beginning in 2024.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: PGC has stated that this will have a minimal fiscal impact (less than \$10 thousand) on the State Gaming Fund for their agency. PFBC projects a fiscal impact of \$761,639.75 for the first year. DCNR is projecting the following costs for the first year:

General Fund	Annual Fixed Charges – Project 70 (1067300000)	\$17,000.00
General Fund	Annual Fixed Charges – Forest Lands (1067600000)	\$1,493,000.00
State Gaming Fund	Payments in Lieu of Taxes (2032200000)	\$3,146,000.00

Costs are projected to rise after the first year due to the requirement that L&I adjust the rates according to the Consumer Price Index.