



State Fiscal Note for Bill Number: 2015-H-5740

Date of State Budget Office Approval:

Date Requested: Monday, April 06, 2015

Date Due: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Impact on Expenditures

FY 2015	\$0
FY 2016	\$425,075
FY 2017	\$438,968

Impact on Revenues

FY 2015	N/A
FY 2016	N/A
FY 2017	N/A

Explanation by State Budget Office: This bill amends Title 23 of the Rhode Island General Laws to include Section 23-94 entitled 'Residential Mining Safety.' This act would direct the Department of Environmental Management and the State Fire Marshal to regulate mining and blasting near residential areas and schools. This act would take effect upon passage.

Comments on Sources of Funds: This program does not meet eligibility for any federal funding. All costs associated with fulfilling the requirements established with this legislation would be general revenue funded.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions: The passage of this bill would require the creation of a new program that is quite expansive in what would be regulated. The Department of Environmental Management states that they would need 4.0 new full time equivalent positions in order to fulfill the requirements established in this legislation. Assumed costs for salaries and benefits for a Principal Environmental Scientist (paygrade 332A), two Sanitary Engineers (paygrade 327A), and a Senior Legal Counsel (paygrade 134A) totals an estimated \$425,075 in FY 2016. This estimate assumes that the positions will be filled as of July 1, 2015 and takes into account a 2% COLA increase as of October 1, 2015 and a six month step raise as of January 1, 2016. Total estimated costs for these positions in FY 2017 is \$438,968, which assumes a second step raise as of January 1, 2017.

Summary of Fiscal Impact: The passage of this bill is estimated to increase general revenue expenditures by \$425,075 in FY 2016 and \$438,968 in FY 2017.

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