

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number: HB 2158**

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron: Rasoul**

**3. Committee: House Courts of Justice**

**4. Title: Littering on public property**

**5. Summary:**

Currently, disposing of trash, garbage, refuse, or litter on public property, including a public highway, right-of-way, or property adjacent to such highway is a misdemeanor, punishable by a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of \$250 to \$2,500. The proposed legislation would raise the minimum fine to \$500.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.**

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8 below.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

By increasing the minimum fine for a conviction of littering, the proposed legislation could result in more fine revenue being collected by the Commonwealth. Because the current law authorizes localities to adopt local ordinances that mirror the state law, the proposed legislation would also have the effect of enabling localities to increase the fine that could be collected upon violation of the local ordinance.

Any revenue from fines for violation of the state law would be deposited into the Literary Fund. Revenue from fines for violation of local ordinances would be retained by the locality. There is not sufficient data available to project any increase in revenue from fines for littering violations nor to project the split of the any increase between the state and localities.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Accounts  
Counties, cities and towns

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.**

**11. Other Comments: None.**

**Date:** 1/30/2017