

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2025

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

**2. Patron:** May

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** Noise abatement practices and technologies.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would direct the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), when planning or constructing a highway project requiring the mitigation of traffic noise impacts, to give first consideration to the use of noise reducing design and low noise pavement materials and techniques before considering the construction of noise walls or sound barriers. The bill also clarifies use of vegetative screening when visual screening is required.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Currently, the Code requires the CTB to give consideration to the use of noise reducing design and low noise pavement. The amendment would require the CTB to give these techniques first consideration. Any savings or additional cost resulting from the change in priority will impact the Transportation Trust Fund.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Transportation

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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