

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL: **H.B. 465** DATE: **March 10, 2008**
STATUS: **As Introduced** SPONSOR: **Rep. Strahorn**
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Permissive**
CONTENTS: **To permit townships to issue permits for public dances**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2008	FY 2009	FUTURE YEARS
Counties			
Revenues	Potential gain in fine revenues	Potential gain in fine revenues	Potential gain in fine revenues
Expenditures	Potential increase in court costs	Potential increase in court costs	Potential increase in court costs
Townships			
Revenues	Potential gain in permit and application fees	Potential gain in permit and application fees	Potential gain in permit and application fees
Expenditures	Potential minimal increase for application form creation and production	Potential minimal increase for application form creation and production	Potential minimal increase for application form creation and production

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2008 is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

- Permits a board of township trustees to require an individual intending to conduct a "public dance" to have a permit issued by the township. The application fee for a permit is \$15. Additionally, if the permit is for a single dance permit, the permit fee is an additional \$50. If the permit is for an annual public dance permit, the permit fee is \$1,000.
- Creates penalties that apply to persons holding a public dance permit if they violate the bill's provisions. Such penalties could result in increased caseloads and court costs for county courts.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill authorizes townships to issue permits for a public dance. If a township seeks to utilize this authority, the bill sets forth the guidelines under which the township may do so.

Permit application process

The bill permits a board of township trustees to require an individual intending to conduct a "public dance" to have a permit issued by the township in accordance with the bill's procedures. The review must be conducted and the permit must be awarded or denied within 30 days after the board receives the application.

Application process

If a township exercised the authority granted under the bill, there could be several fiscal implications. Townships would experience a one-time minimal cost for the creation and production of the necessary permit applications. However, this cost would be offset by permit fee revenues. Under the bill, the application fee for a permit is \$15. Additionally, if the permit is for a single dance permit, the permit fee (upon approval) is an additional \$50. If the permit is for an annual public dance permit, the permit fee (upon approval) is \$1,000. Therefore, townships would experience a net revenue gain from exercising this authority.

Penalties

The bill provides for certain penalties that apply to persons holding public dance permits. First, a person who has been issued a public dance permit is prohibited from recklessly allowing a minor who is unaccompanied by a parent or legal guardian to attend or remain at a public dance between the hours of midnight and five a.m. Second, a person in control of a public dance permit premises must insure that patrons abide by certain standards and prohibitions specified in the bill. A violation is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on an initial conviction and a misdemeanor of the first degree on subsequent convictions. By applying these requirements to permit holders, there could be an increase in cases to county courts as a result of townships exercising the authority under the bill. The potential increase in caseload could result in increased county court costs. These costs could be partially offset by any fine revenues received. Additionally, the Victims of Crime Reparation Fund (Fund 4020) could receive some revenues from any fines resulting from these cases.

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