

## 150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 32
SPONSOR:	Representative Ramone
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DECREASING THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX.

## **Assumptions:**

- 1. This Act becomes effective upon signing by the Governor.
- 2. The 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly enacted HB 279, increasing the tax imposed on real estate transactions of the fair market value of property by 1.0% (2.0% to 3.0%), effective August 1, 2017. In municipalities and counties that also levy a transfer tax (up to 1.5%), the State's portion of the tax increased to 2.5%.
- 3. This Act decreases the transfer tax by 1.0% and returns the rate to the same level as prior to HB 279.
- 4. Department of Finance estimates on revenue loss are based on gross collections of realty transfer taxes and assumed short-term market activity resulting from this Act.
- 5. Assumes a 4.4% growth in fiscal year 2021 and 3.5% growth in FY 2022

## Est. Revenue Loss

Fiscal Year 2020: \$74.1 million

Fiscal Year 2021: \$77.4 million

Fiscal Year 2022: \$80.1 million

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