148TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 290
SPONSOR:	Representative Schwartzkopf
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TICK CONTROL.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Effective upon signature of the Governor.

2. This Act implements the findings issued on June 1, 2015, from the Lyme Disease Prevention Task Force ("the Task Force"). One of the recommendations was to "develop on a statewide basis a science-based Integrated Pest management strategy incorporating acaricide use, biological controls, management of tick-host animals and backyard habitat management". This Act amends the powers and duties of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control by granting the Department the authority to address tick mitigation in the manner recommended by the Lyme Disease Prevention Task Force.

3. The Task Force estimated the cost for the Department to administer the program to be $106,500. The Department estimates the fiscal impact of this Act will be $118,294 for the first year and $131,596 each year thereafter, in order to implement the recommendations from the Task Force. The Department estimates it will require one Environmental Scientist IV (Pay Grade -17) to effectively administer the program. The estimated salary costs associated with this position will be $66,509 for the first ten months of the program. After the first year of the program, the estimated salary costs associated with this program will be $79,811. Other costs associated with implementing this program consists of a vehicle lease at a yearly rate of $7,785, $4,000 a year for office supplies, $6,000 a year scientific sampling equipment, $5,000 a year for acaricide product purchases, $10,000 a year for contractual research, $15,000 a year for laboratory analyses and $4,000 a year for public education and outreach for a total of $51,785.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2017	$118,294
Fiscal Year 2018	$131,596
Fiscal Year 2019	$131,596

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(Amounts are shown in whole dollars)