



151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE

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**BILL:** HOUSE BILL NO. 235  
**SPONSOR:** Representative Lynn  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor; however, it is to be implemented the earlier of one year from the date of enactment or notice by the Chair of the Human Relations Commission that the required regulations have been promulgated.
2. This Act creates a "Homeless Individuals Bill of Rights", providing for the protection for individuals experiencing homelessness from discrimination while in public places while seeking access to housing, employment, or temporary shelter.
3. This Act empowers the Department of State's Division of Human Relations and the State Human Relations Commission with the authority to investigate and enforce the Homeless Individuals Bill of Rights.
4. To implement the provisions of this Act, the Division of Human Relations estimates a one-time fiscal impact of \$38,000 for a contract attorney (equivalent to a State Deputy Attorney General V position whose average salary and benefits total \$76 per hour) for 500 hours, to assist in drafting regulations related to the Homeless Individuals Bill of Rights. The Division of Human Relations also estimates an ongoing fiscal impact of \$3,000 for annual training and educational costs for Human Relations representatives.

**Cost:**

Fiscal Year 2023:	\$38,000
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$ 3,000
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$ 3,000

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