



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 TO HOUSE BILL NO. 55
SPONSOR:	Representative Phillips
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon enactment; however, it is to be implemented the earlier of one year from the date of enactment or notice by the Chair of the Human and Civil Rights 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. The Act empowers the Department of State, Division of Human and Civil Rights and the State Human and Civil Rights Commission authority to investigate and enforce the Bill of Rights.
4. The fiscal note to HS 1 to HB 55 projected the need for 1.0 FTE Human Relations Representative for the Division of Human and Civil Rights. This position was included in the FY 2024 operating budget and allocated to the division. However, the Department reports the need for additional contractual support for outreach and communication efforts.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025:	\$25,000
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$25,000
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$25,000

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