



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 370
SPONSOR: Representative Shupe
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BUYER PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act requires a seller of an interest in residential real property to provide reporting to a property buyer before closing on the sale of the property. For residential real property supplied with potable water by a private well located on the property, a report of the results of water testing is required within three months of signing the compliance document. For residential real property supplied with potable water from a public water system, a report of the results of water testing is required within 12 months of signing the compliance document.
3. The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health will be responsible for implementing and enforcing this Act. As such, the Division would require 2.0 full-time positions to support creating and managing the private well and public water system programs. This analysis includes nine months of funding for an Environmental Health Specialist III and a Management Analyst II in the first fiscal year to allow for the hiring of these positions.
 - a. Personnel costs, including salaries, other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 32.94% and Health Insurance (annualized) are estimated at \$164,904.
 - b. One-time costs of \$2,800, including computers and start-up equipment.
 - c. Ongoing annual costs of \$2,300, including network costs and supplies.
4. Funding in subsequent years for these positions includes an assumed 2% increase in salary, OECs, and health insurance expenses.

Cost:

	<u>Operating/Recurring</u>	<u>One-Time</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$125,403	\$2,800	\$128,203
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$170,502	\$0	\$170,502
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$173,866	\$0	\$173,866

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