

# FISCAL NOTE

April 30, 2021

<b>Bill No:</b>	HB 950	<b>Printer's No:</b>	PN 958	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Metcalfe
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

<b>Fund (s)</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** HB 950 amends the Regulatory Review Act to further provide for procedures for subsequent review of final-form or final-omitted regulations.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 950 would amend the Regulatory Review Act in two ways: it would prohibit an agency from “reissuing” a regulation or promulgating a substantially similar regulation if the regulation has been prevented from being promulgated by procedures already in place in the Regulatory Review Act, unless the new or revised regulation is specifically authorized by a law enacted after the regulation is prevented; and it would authorize repeal of an existing regulation through a process nearly identical to the current process in the Regulatory Review Act for the General Assembly to block promulgation of a regulation. This legislation would be effective in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** While HB 950 will not have a fiscal impact on state funds, it could potentially jeopardize federal funds. This bill could seriously compromise agencies’ (such as DEP or PennDOT) obligations to the federal government. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the enforcer of federal regulation, which they enforce through the state regulatory process. Making changes to that process endangers agencies’ ability to be the primary enforcer of federal law and has the potential to lose the Commonwealth federal funding.