



# Fiscal Note

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### BILL 9: CERTIFIED BURNER RECIPROCITY

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill allows reciprocity eligibility for the certified burner program in the Department of Public Safety.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload
- State Revenue

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill allows reciprocity eligibility in the certified burner program in the Department of Public Safety (CDPS). The program certifies individuals to conduct prescribed fires on private lands, similar to how these fires are managed on public lands. Under current law, the CDPS can only grant certified burner status to a person that has completed training offered by the CDPS. The bill allows a person with valid burner certification from another state government or entity to apply to the CDPS for certified burner status. They must follow other rules and standards adopted by the CDPS.

## State Revenue and Expenditures

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Starting in FY 2025-26, workload in the CDPS will increase to develop and adopt rules and standards regarding certified burner reciprocity and to manage reciprocity applications. Additionally, revenue may increase to the extent that more people apply for reciprocal certified burner status and pay required fees for certification. For informational purposes, the application fee for the certified burner program is \$20 and certifications are valid for five years. Overall, the number of reciprocal applicants is expected to be small and any change in state revenue or expenditures is minimal.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Department of Public Safety

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).