152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 404**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Carson**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 3 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LYME DISEASE.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act requires the Department of Agriculture (Department) to establish and administer a Lyme Disease Intervention Fund in an amount to be determined by the Joint Finance Committee.

3. The Department, in administration of the fund, must investigate effective, environmentally sensitive, and innovative options to reduce the prevalence of Lyme disease and the animals known to carry Lyme disease on State owned lands.

4. Should funding be appropriated, the Department will require 1.0 FTE Environmental Health Specialist III and Other Employment Costs in the amount of $85,128 to complete administration of the fund, evaluation of effective options, and coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025:	Subject to appropriation
Fiscal Year 2026:	Subject to appropriation
Fiscal Year 2027:	Subject to appropriation

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