

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
AB116 (99-1694/1)

Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

State Reimbursement of towns for fire calls on state or federal highways

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
- Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb
Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

- 1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

- Towns Villages Cities
- Counties Others _____
- School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

20.395 (3) (eq)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

see attached

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

As the program becomes more visible ongoing costs may increase.

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Date
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AB/116

Relating to state reimbursement of towns for fire calls on state or federal highways.

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

This estimate is based on CY95 statewide data for vehicle and grass fires which showed fire departments responded to 302 grass fires and 334 vehicle fires. This data was obtained from the Department of Commerce, which indicated only 50% of the fire departments report data to them. Knowing this, we have estimated that 1,270 fire call claims could be filed from all fire departments for grass and vehicle fires, reflecting double the 636 fires reported to Commerce in 1995.

The same data showed that fire departments responded to a total of 1,114 fires. Assuming again that this reflects 50% of the actual responses to fires on state highways, approximately 2,230 claims could be filed statewide for any type of fire or incident.

Based upon the department's overall experience with fire call reimbursements on state trunk and interstate highways, it is estimated that 65% of the statewide total fire call reimbursements are made to towns. Knowing this, we have estimated that under current statutes 825 ($1,270 * 65\%$) claims from grass and vehicle fires could be filed from towns. Under AB 116, 1,450 ($2,230 * 65\%$) total claims could be filed from towns for any type of fire or incident. This represents a 75% increase in the possible number of claims.

The department receives periodic inquiries regarding our reimbursement policy. Because we do not cover situations where the fire equipment is not actually used under current policy, we have no way of knowing how many claims are not ever formally submitted to the department. We do not have data available to us on the number of claims actually submitted to the department and turned down either. Denied claims are returned to the municipality from which they were filed.

Many local units of government now "roll" a fire truck to all crashes and all crashes that an EMS is dispatched to. These fire dispatches have nothing to do with fires or extractions which is our current policy.

Data on the number of fire calls filed by towns with the department for FY98 shows 244 claims were paid. The following chart shows the department's experience with fire claims under current law. In FY98 the department paid 426 claims totaling \$176,850.

	# of claims	FY98 Actual Reimbursements	Avg Amt of claim	# of municipalities statewide
Towns	244	\$ 92,900	\$ 380	1,266
Villages	104	\$ 46,250	\$ 448	395
Cities	78	\$ 37,700	\$ 438	189
Totals	426	\$176,850	\$ 415	1,850

Based on the above assumptions, the amount of additional costs are calculated as follows:

244 * 1.75 (estimated number of claims to be filed, which represents a 75% increase over 1998 actual claims filed)	=	427
427 - 244 (less claims currently processed)	=	183
183 * \$380 (estimated average claim for towns)	=	\$ 69,500

FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect
DOA-2047 (R10/94)

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$ -
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S	\$ 69,500	-
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$ -

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ - \$69,500	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$	\$ + \$69,500

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