

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 05-1426/1	Introduction Number AB-306
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Subject

Expand civil immunity for operators of automatic defibrillators

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations
 Decrease Existing Revenues

 Yes No
 Create New Appropriations

 Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

A semi-automatic defibrillator is a heart monitor and defibrillator that is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia, determining whether defibrillation should be performed, charging, and, at the operator's command, delivering an electrical impulse to the heart. An automatic defibrillator is similar to a semi-automatic defibrillator, except that it either automatically delivers an electrical impulse to an individual's heart or charges and delivers the electrical impulse at the operator's command.

Under current law, individuals who are not emergency medical technicians or first responders-defibrillation, but who have received training in a course approved by the Department, may use semiautomatic defibrillators in rendering emergency care or treatment of others who appear to be in cardiac arrest. An individual who provides a semi-automatic defibrillator for this use must provide written notice and certain information to the nearest emergency services program and ensure that the defibrillator is maintained and tested according to specific guidelines. If these requirements are met, the users, owners, and providers of semi-automatic defibrillators are immune from civil liability for acts or omissions in rendering emergency care in good faith.

This bill provides to users, owners, and providers of automatic defibrillators the same immunity from civil liability for acts or omissions in rendering emergency care in good faith that exists for users, owners, and providers of semiautomatic defibrillators, providing the same requirements are met.

There will be no fiscal effect to the Department or local units of government from this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications