

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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LRB Number 09-4197/1	Introduction Number SB-518	
Description Creating an ambulance operator safety program in the Department of Transportation, rules of the road applicable to the operation of ambulances, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and making an appropriation		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <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		
Fund Sources Affected		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS		
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

BILL SUMMARY

This proposal requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish and administer an ambulance operator safety program, including several components:

- 1) Promulgate rules articulating standards for safe operation of ambulances
- 2) Establish a system of certifying ambulance drivers, based on successful completion of an operator safety course.
- 3) Establish a system of recertifying ambulance drivers, including passage of a written exam every 3 years and repeating the operator safety course every 6 years.
- 4) DOT is authorized to certify driver schools and technical colleges as third-party ambulance operator safety course administrators.

ASSUMPTIONS

The administrative rule will adopt instruction and testing elements articulated in the most recent edition (1995) of the USDOT curriculum standards for emergency vehicle operation course (EVOC).

Currently active ambulance drivers must provide proof of successful completion of the EVOC course within the previous 6 years. Active drivers who completed the EVOC course more than 6 years prior must successfully repeat the course. Prospective ambulance drivers must provide proof of successful completion of the EVOC course to become certified.

The written exam for ambulance driver certification and re-certification will only be available on the DOT Web site, in a format similar to the exam currently used for All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) operator training by the Department of Natural Resources.

The administrative rule will also adopt standards for certifying third-party ambulance driver safety course administrators.

CONCLUSION

One-time costs to DOT:
- \$50,000 for developing the on-line written exam

On-going costs to DOT:
- \$80,000 annually for 1.0 FTE position (salary, fringe and support costs) to administer the ambulance driver certification program

Costs to Ambulance Service Providers:

There will be significant, but indeterminate, costs to public and private ambulance service providers to get prospective drivers registered at EVOC courses and to get current personnel retrained if more than 6 years have elapsed since they completed an EVOC course.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

DOT: \$80,000 annually for 1.0 FTE

Ambulance Service Providers (public and private): Indeterminate

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): \$50,000 for one-time cost to create on-line exam			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$80,000	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$80,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	80,000	
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$80,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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