

Original Updated
 Corrected Supplemental

1999 Session

LRB or Bill No. -- Adm. Rule No.
AB-547 --LRB-3192/2

Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

Subject
WORKER'S COMPENSATION

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 Government 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:

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill makes several remedial changes, extends several sunset provisions and clarifies several provisions in existing law.

One clarification relates to volunteer divers who sometimes perform valuable search and rescue activities at the request of local law enforcement agencies. The Department's informal interpretation of current law is that, for worker's compensation purposes, divers in that situation would qualify for benefits (or their dependents in the case of death benefits) under the provisions relating to rescue squads. There has never been a formal hearing on the issue, nor has the Department been advised of any injuries involving such divers. The bill removes any arguable ambiguity, making it clear that divers are eligible for the same statutory benefits that apply to rescue squad members. (Note, the benefits also apply to law enforcement officers, correctional officers, fire fighters, national guard members, state defense force members and emergency management employees or volunteers.) However, since it merely clarifies current law, there is no new fiscal impact on either state or local government.

Even if one assumes that the provision creates new benefits for divers, the Department has no information regarding the current insurance coverage of diving teams, nor any estimate of how often they are asked to perform diving services for local law enforcement officials, and how often in such situations they suffer serious injury or death. In short, the Department is not able to credibly estimate the number of cases or the costs that might be associated with them.

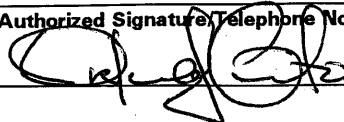
Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

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Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect DOA-2047(R10/94)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Updated	LRB or Bill No./Adm Rule No. AB-547 / LRB-3192/2	Amendment No.
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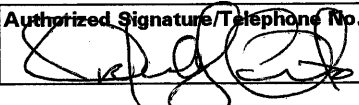
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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$0	- \$0
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	\$0	- \$0
Local Assistance	\$0	- \$0
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	\$0	- \$0
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$0	- \$0
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	\$0	- \$0
FED	\$0	- \$0
PRO/PRS	\$0	- \$0
SEG/SEG-S	\$0	- \$0
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	\$0	- \$0
GPR Earned	\$0	- \$0
FED	\$0	- \$0
PRO/PRS	\$0	- \$0
SEG/SEG-S	\$0	- \$0
TOTAL State Revenues:	\$0	- \$0

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
Net Change in Costs:	\$0	\$0
Net Change in Revenues:	\$0	\$0

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