

### Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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LRB Number **03-1549/2**      Introduction Number **AB-471**

**Subject**  
Town reimbursement for fire calls on highways

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

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

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
  - 1.  Increase Costs
    - Permissive
    - Mandatory
  - 2.  Decrease Costs
    - Permissive
    - Mandatory
  - 3.  Increase Revenue
    - Permissive
    - Mandatory
  - 4.  Decrease Revenue
    - Permissive
    - Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
  - Towns
  - Counties
  - School Districts
  - Village
  - Others
  - WTCS Districts
  - Cities

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**  
 GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEGS 20.395 (3)(eq)

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Wisconsin law provides a mechanism for local governments to recover all or a portion of their costs for responding to fire calls on highways that are maintained by the state. This mechanism is intended to provide relief for those situations when fire services are required on the state highway right-of-way and the local government that is responsible for providing the service is unable to recover the costs of that service from the persons receiving the service, or when the responsible party is unknown or refuses to pay. There are three statutes (one each for towns, villages, and cities) covering the fire calls program. Only the statute relating to towns states specifically that the person shall be billed first. Because of controversy surrounding the Cedar Grove fire chief/town clerk billing of families of the fatalities and others in the multi-vehicle I-43 accident, this legislation is being introduced to collect from the person's insurer rather than first billing the persons receiving the service.

This specific legislation also amends the statutes for villages and cities to specifically bill the party's insurer first before billing the person responsible in the accident. In amending 60.557, the legislation would take a similar approach with fire calls on county trunk highways. The department is a non-party to this portion of the legislation.

When the police report or fire report does not include the name of the insurer of the person to whom the fire call was provided, it is assumed that the local government may attempt to recover directly from the person.

The bill intends to modify the process for these fire calls and there appears to be nothing that would substantially affect the number of claims or likelihood of collection from insurers.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It is unlikely that this will change the rate of private payments (either by the person or his insurance company). It is expected to therefore have a negligible impact on the fire calls program expenditures.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$0	
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	0	
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$0	\$0
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	0	0
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$0	\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$0	\$0
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