



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 365 of the 131st G.A.

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Kuhns and Romanchuk

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: License of ambulette services

State Fiscal Highlights

- The number of nonemergency medical service organizations requiring licensure and inspection of ambulettes may decrease, the net effect of which could be an annual revenue loss of up to between \$150,000 and \$160,000 in money that would otherwise have been deposited into the Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Fund (Fund 83M0).

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Existing law generally requires that a nonemergency medical service organization that uses an ambulette for the purpose of transporting individuals who require the use of a wheelchair or are confined to a wheelchair be licensed by the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, including payment of applicable fees.¹ The bill limits the ambulette license requirement to apply only if the organization is transporting persons who are medically fragile and may use a mobility aid. As a result of the bill's ambulette licensure limitation, there is likely to be some loss in the Board's annual licensing and inspection fees and a decrease in related operating expenses, the net of which could be an annual revenue loss of up to between \$150,000 and \$160,000.

¹ The State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services is part of the Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Medical Services.

Currently, the Board licenses 307 ambulette services, including 1,615 vehicles. Each ambulette service is required to pay an annual license fee of \$100, an annual permit fee of \$50 for each ambulette, and an annual inspection fee of \$50 for each ambulette. The fees are generating a total of around \$190,000 annually for deposit into the Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Fund (Fund 83M0), which is used for the administration of the Division of Emergency Medical Services and the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, and to provide grants for emergency medical services and patient trauma care. The amount of revenue generated from various fines and fees for deposit into Fund 83M0 totals around \$7.5 million annually.

The Board employs three staff and uses around 18 part-time contractors to perform inspections. If, under the bill, there is a reduction in the number of licensed ambulette service providers and vehicles then the amount expended by the Board for inspection contractors could decrease by up to between \$30,000 and \$40,000 annually.

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