

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 5073-01
BILL NO.: HB 2193
SUBJECT: AMBULANCES AND AMBULANCE DISTRICTS; EMERGENCIES;
HEALTH CARE; MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND PERSONNEL.
TYPE: ORIGINAL
DATE: APRIL 15, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
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| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
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| TOTAL ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON <u>ALL</u> STATE FUNDS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
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| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
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| TOTAL ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON <u>ALL</u> FEDERAL FUNDS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
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| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
| LOCAL GOVERNMENT | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

NUMBERS WITHIN PARENTHESES: () INDICATE COSTS OR LOSSES.
 THIS FISCAL NOTE CONTAINS 4 PAGES.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE ASSUME THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL NOT FISCALLY IMPACT THEIR ORGANIZATIONS.

OFFICIALS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE (SOS) STATE THIS BILL MODIFIES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES WILL PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS BILL. BASED ON EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER DIVISIONS, THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND FORMS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COULD REQUIRE AS MANY AS 16 PAGES IN THE CODE OF STATE REGULATIONS. FOR ANY GIVEN RULE, ROUGHLY ONE-HALF AGAIN AS MANY PAGES ARE PUBLISHED IN THE MISSOURI REGISTER AS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE CODE BECAUSE COST STATEMENTS, FISCAL NOTES AND NOTICES ARE NOT PUBLISHED IN THE CODE. THE ESTIMATED COST OF A PAGE IN THE MISSOURI REGISTER IS \$23.00. THE ESTIMATED COST OF A PAGE IN THE CODE OF STATE REGULATIONS IS \$27.00. THE ACTUAL COSTS COULD BE MORE OR LESS THAN THE NUMBERS GIVEN. THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THIS LEGISLATION IN FUTURE YEARS IS UNKNOWN AND DEPENDS UPON THE FREQUENCY AND LENGTH OF RULES FILED, AMENDED, RESCINDED AND WITHDRAWN. THE SOS ESTIMATES THE COST OF THIS LEGISLATION TO BE \$984 [(16 PP X \$27) (24 PP X \$23)].

OVERSIGHT ASSUMES THE SOS COULD ABSORB THE COSTS OF PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING REGULATIONS RELATED TO THIS PROPOSAL. IF MULTIPLE BILLS PASS WHICH REQUIRE THE PRINTING

AND DISTRIBUTION OF REGULATIONS AT SUBSTANTIAL COSTS, THE SOS COULD REQUEST FUNDING THROUGH THE APPROPRIATION PROCESS. ANY DECISIONS TO RAISE FEES TO DEFRAY COSTS WOULD LIKELY BE MADE IN SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.

OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES (DMS) STATED THIS LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE NO FISCAL IMPACT ON THE DMS. THIS ACT REQUIRES AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES TO SEEK ACCREDITATION FROM AN AS YET UNSPECIFIED ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION ARE OR IF CURRENT PROVIDERS WILL MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS. THE DMS WOULD SEE NO NEW COSTS OR SAVINGS FROM THE PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION DUE TO THE FACT THAT MEDICAID WILL STILL PAY FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - STATE</u> <u>GOVERNMENT</u> | FY 2003 (10 MO.) | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
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| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - LOCAL</u> <u>GOVERNMENT</u> | FY 2003 (10 MO.) | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - SMALL BUSINESS

NO DIRECT FISCAL IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES WOULD BE EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THIS PROPOSAL.

DESCRIPTION

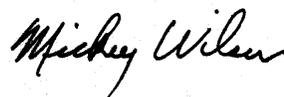
THIS BILL MAKES SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE. THE BILL: (1) REQUIRES THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES TO APPOINT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH AN AIR

AMBULANCE SERVICE THAT IS ACCREDITED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AIR AMBULANCE ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION; (2) REQUIRES LICENSED AIR AMBULANCES, AFTER JUNE 1, 2003, TO BE ACCREDITED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION; (3) REQUIRES A LICENSED AIR AMBULANCE PROVIDER TO CARRY A MINIMUM OF \$50 MILLION IN GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE, INCLUDING SPECIFIC COVERAGE FOR DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS CAUSED BY THE IMPACT OF AN AIRCRAFT; (4) PROHIBITS THE USE OF SINGLE ENGINE ROTARY AIRCRAFT FOR AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE AFTER AUGUST 31, 2002, EXCEPT FOR AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY IN USE; (5) REQUIRES AIR AMBULANCE PERSONNEL TO COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT LEVEL OF CARE; (6) REQUIRES ALL AIRCRAFT USED TO PROVIDE AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES TO PROVIDE FULL 360 DEGREE ACCESS TO PATIENTS, EXCEPT FOR AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY IN USE; AND (7) EXEMPTS ALL AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY IN USE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL, EXCEPT WHEN AN AIRCRAFT IS REMOVED FROM SERVICE, THE REPLACEMENT MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BILL.

THIS LEGISLATION IS NOT FEDERALLY MANDATED, WOULD NOT DUPLICATE ANY OTHER PROGRAM AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR RENTAL SPACE.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



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