

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 3459-01
BILL NO.: HB 1446
SUBJECT: Ambulance and Ambulance Districts; Health Care; Health Care Professionals;
 Licenses - Miscellaneous
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 21, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	(UNKNOWN)	(UNKNOWN)	(UNKNOWN)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Taney County Ambulance District officials would cost their district at least \$90,000 in FY2001 and an unknown amount in FY2002 and FY2003.

Oversight assumes there would be unknown costs to local political subdivisions exceeding \$100,000 annually due to the requirement that no local tax revenues be used in the operation of stretcher van services.

Officials from the **Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital**, the **Newton County Ambulance District**, the **St. Charles County Ambulance District**, the **Vallee Ambulance District**, the **Mid-Mo Ambulance District**, and the **Stoddard County Ambulance District** did not respond to our fiscal impact request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

<u>Costs - Local Political Subdivisions</u>			
Operation of stretcher van services	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would establish requirements for stretcher van operators. The proposal would: (1) require any person or governmental entity to be licensed by the Department of Health if such person or entity advertises, engages, or proposes to engage in the transport of persons confined to stretchers who do not need medical attention. The Department of Health can issue such licenses for a period of 5 years; (2) require the Department of Health to establish the application forms for stretcher van service licenses; (3) require cities or counties to establish reasonable standards in addition to state standards for the use of stretcher vans. The reasonable standards cannot eliminate or prohibit the use of stretcher vans; (4) regulations in effect prior to January 1, 2000, in Kansas City are excluded from the first 3 requirements; (5) classify the type of transport and passengers who would be eligible for transport by stretcher van operators; (6) establish operating requirements for stretcher vans and require the certification of two-person crews in various areas as stated in the proposal; (7) require a stretcher van agency to provide proof of public liability insurance as stated in the proposal; (8) require the Department of Health to establish rules to clarify a specified section of the proposal if necessary; (9) allow a licensed ambulance service to operate as a stretcher van operator; (10) specify that certain funds received by licensed ambulance services cannot be used in competition against stretcher van operators; and (11) require all records related to the operation of stretcher vans to be public records.

The proposal would also revise a provision pertaining to the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services. Representation on the council would be required to include expertise from the areas of stretcher van operators and a statewide transportation broker.

The proposal also contains a new penalty provision pertaining to ambulance services. If any ambulance service is found guilty, enters a guilty plea or nolo contendere (no contest) to Medicaid or Medicare fraud, the ambulance service would be prohibited from providing service to public entities which receive local, state, or federal funds for a period of 5 years.

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

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Department of Health
Taney County Ambulance District

NOT RESPONDING: Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital, Newton County Ambulance District, St. Charles County Ambulance District, Vallee Ambulance District, Mid-Mo Ambulance District, Stoddard County Ambulance District



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