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**Fiscal Note**



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| <b>Subject:</b> emergency ground ambulance service provider |                                 |

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 Provides relative to emergency ground ambulance service providers. (gov sig)

Current law provides that the Louisiana Department of Health may adopt and impose a provider fee for emergency ground ambulance service providers. Current law defines an emergency ground ambulance provider as a "private, for profit, non public non federal provider of emergency ground ambulance service that is contracted with a unit of local or parish government of Louisiana.

Proposed law amends the definition of an emergency ground ambulance providers to include all nonpublic, nonfederal providers to clarify which ambulance providers qualify for the provider fee.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                  |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                  |
| Ded./Other          | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                  |
| Federal Funds       | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0                  |
| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>           |

  

| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| Ded./Other          | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      | SEE BELOW      |                      |
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| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Based on current law, any revenues generated through the emergency ground ambulance provider fee are used as a state match source for ambulance provider rate enhancements.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law amends the definition of an emergency ground ambulance provider for the purposes of clarifying which emergency ground ambulance providers are subject to a provider tax authorized under a measure passed in the 2016 Regular Legislative Session (Act 305 of 2016). This definition change could result in an additional increase in provider fee revenues by an indeterminable amount over and above the revenues projected in the LFO fiscal note for Act 305 of 2016. The original amount of Statutory Dedication provider fee revenues projected to be collected in FY 18 in that fiscal note totals \$2.5 M, and is based on a 1.5% tax on the net operating revenue of 8 ambulance providers.

Information provided by the Louisiana Department of Health indicates the definition is being clarified to ensure the ambulance provider tax is permissible under the Code of Federal Regulations (Title 42). In the absence of a waiver, the tax must be both broad based and uniform. As a result of this change, this measure potentially increases the number of emergency ground ambulance providers that are subject to the 1.5% tax on their net operating revenue.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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