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HEALTH CARE RE -\$251,678 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides for the Louisiana Board of Emergency Medical Services. (7/1/13)

Proposed law creates the La. Board of Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Health and Hospitals domiciled in Baton Rouge. Proposed law provides for the membership, term limits as well as powers and duties of the board. Proposed law provides the board with licensure and training of emergency medical services personnel. Proposed law provides that all licensure fees in present law shall remain with the board. Proposed law provides that violators shall be fined as follows: (1) 1st conviction - fined up to \$500 or imprisoned up to 6 months; and (2) 2nd or subsequent conviction - fined up to \$500 or imprisoned up to 2 years. Proposed law provides for an exception to the Public Records Law.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$251,678)	(\$251,678)	(\$251,678)	(\$251,678)	(\$251,678)	(\$1,258,390)
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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>
Annual Total						
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation is anticipated to decrease state general fund expenditures in the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) by \$251,678 in FY 14 and a total reduction of \$1,258,390 over 5 years and an indeterminable increase in fees and self-generated expenditures as a result of creating the La. Board of Emergency Medical Services. The proposed legislation authorizes the La. Board of Emergency Medical Services to hire an executive director as well as an attorney. An indeterminable increase in fees and self-generated expenditures is anticipated based upon the hiring of an executive director and attorney, as these positions does not currently exists.

Presently, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) operates within the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), Office of Public Health (OPH) and is responsible for the licensure and training of emergency medical services professionals. The proposed legislation moves these duties and functions from BEMS to the newly created La. Board of Emergency Medical Services. As a result of this proposed legislation, the department has indicated 3 positions within BEMS will be transferred to the La. Board of Emergency Medical Services. Similar to the La. State Board of Nursing and the La. State Board of Medical Examiners, employees of the newly created La. Board of Emergency Medical Services will not be state employees. The table below reflects state general fund savings in DHH.

Eliminated Positions	Salary	Related Benefits*
Program Manager 2	(\$81,058)	(\$28,370)
Program Monitor	(\$67,870)	(\$23,755)
Emergency Med Svc Spec/EMT	(\$37,500)	(\$13,125)
Total	(\$186,428)	(\$65,250)

*Related benefits calculated at 35%.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. This proposed legislation does not increase testing or license fees for emergency medical practitioners.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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