

HF3992 - 0 - Emergency Ambulance Service Aid

Chief Author: **Dave Lislegard**
 Committee: **Health Finance And Policy**
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 Lead Agency: **Revenue Dept**
 Other Agencies:
 Emergency Medical
 Services Bd

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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Revenue Dept						
General Fund		-	-	57	-	-
State Total						
General Fund		-	-	57	-	-
Total		-	-	57	-	-
Biennial Total				57		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Revenue Dept	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
General Fund		-	-	.31	-	-
Total		-	-	.31	-	-

Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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Bill Description

The bill creates a onetime state aid for licensed ambulance service providers administered by the Department of Revenue (Revenue), effective July 1, 2024. Aid calculations would be based on revenue and expenses of each provider, as well as recorded volunteer hours. Revenue is required to certify the aid amount for each licensed ambulance service provider with the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) and make full aid payments by December 31, 2024. By December 31, 2025 each licensed ambulance service provider that receives aid must submit a report to Revenue of how awarded funds were used.

Subdivision 9 of the bill appropriates \$120 million in FY25 to Revenue for this aid, allowing Revenue to retain up to \$1 million for administrative costs and also out of that amount retain an unspecified amount to transfer to the EMSRB for their costs in administering the aid. This is a one-time appropriation.

Assumptions

The Department of Revenue (Revenue) assumes there could be up to 290 applicants for this aid, based on the number of licenses issued by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB). Each applicant would need to fill out the form to apply for the aid and if they receive the aid, fill out the form describing how they used the aid.

The Property Tax Division assumes it will create internal procedures and an external webpage regarding the new aid. The division assumes it will communicate with stakeholders and answer questions regarding the aid, the application form, the use of the aid, and the form applicants must fill out regarding the use of the aid. The division assumes it will create an application form for potential aid recipients to report required data and apply for the aid, as well as a form for the aid recipients to fill out regarding the use of the aid. The division assumes it will collect forms from applicants, perform data entry of reported data, and ensure that all respond and that responses are complete.

The Property Tax Division also assumes it will collaborate with the EMSRB to review data submitted in application forms. The division assumes it will calculate, certify, and pay the aid. The division assumes it will need to determine how to pay aid to non-governmental entities, which is outside of the current aid payment system. Several days of data entry will be required whatever payment path is chosen. The Property Tax Division assumes it would require .24 FTE in FY25 to complete this work.

The Appeals, Legal Services, and Disclosure Division assumes it will need 100 hours in FY25 for the Disclosure and Records Management attorneys to deal with any form or application review, draft Tennessee language, and provide disclosure legal advice on any questions that may arise. Property tax attorneys assume 35 hours in FY25 to respond to legal opinion requests on how the aid is determined.

The Communication Division assumes it would need .01 FTE in FY25 to assist in creating the application form and updating the website to reflect this change.

FTE Impact

FTEs	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Appeals, Legal, and Disclosure staff (Attorney)		.06		
Communications staff (MAPE)		.01		
Property Tax staff		.24		
MAPE		.2		
MMA		.04		
Managerial		<.01		
Total FTE Impact		.31		

Note: Totals may vary slightly due to rounding.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Administrative Impact

Administrative Costs (Savings)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Employee Compensation		56,597		
Total Administrative Costs (Savings)		56,597		

Note: This table uses whole numbers. Totals may vary slightly due to rounding.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

Agency staff provided information for this fiscal note.

I have reviewed the content of this fiscal note and believe it is a reasonable estimate of the expenditures and revenues associated with this proposed legislation.

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LBO Analyst's Comment

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Bill Description

This bill would provide \$119 million dollars in aid to various Minnesota ambulance services that documented financial losses as a result of providing ambulance service. It directs the Department of Revenue to serve as the lead distributor and certifier of the funds.

Assumptions

Much of the work that is required by the EMSRB in working in partnership with Department of Revenue is core to our established regulatory functions and responsibilities. EMSRB assumes as the basis of this projection approximately 80 hours of staff work by the Executive Director in making the required certifications with the Department of Revenue. The costs involved with the 80 hours of staff work are de minimis and thus not included on the fiscal note table.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

N/A

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

N/A

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