

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1057

PRINTER'S NO. 1349

AMOUNT

No Adverse Fiscal Impact

FUND

General
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account

DATE INTRODUCED

July 27, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator D. White

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
July 27, 2009

Reported as committed, Jan. 26, 2010

First consideration, Jan. 26, 2010

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 8, 2010

Re-reported as committed, June 7, 2010

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1057 amends the Board of Vehicles Act to establish a new licensure classification for "mobility vehicle dealer". A mobility vehicle is defined as a vehicle designed to transport a person with a disability that includes a lowered floor or frame or a raised roof or door and an electronic or mechanical wheelchair or platform lift or an electronic or mechanical wheelchair ramp.

The bill would authorize mobility vehicle dealers to:

- Display and sell new and used mobility vehicles;
- Arrange or negotiate the purchase of a mobility vehicle;
- Sell and install equipment or accessories;
- Provide maintenance and repair services; and
- Acquire new vehicles for conversion to a mobility vehicle.

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Persons solely licensed as a mobility vehicle dealer would be prohibited from selling other types of vehicles.

The bill also reduces the number of public members on the Vehicle Board from four to three and adds a mobility vehicle dealer.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs advises that the enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact to the Vehicle Board or the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account. It is assumed that additional costs for the licensure and regulation of mobility vehicle dealers would be offset by licensure and renewal fees.

Section 30 of the Act provides that the Board shall be self funding and that if revenues generated by fees, fines and penalties under the act are not sufficient to match expenditures over a two-year period, the Board shall increase fees by regulation in an amount sufficient to meet or exceed projected expenditures.