



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1838

PRINTERS NO. 2781

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### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** Increases the funding for and modifies the eligible uses of money deposited in the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF). This legislation would take effect in 120 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to require that 30% of the funding that is appropriated from a portion of the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF) would be allocated to specifically provide EMS training to underserved rural areas. In addition, no less than 10% of this portion of the funds would also need to be provided to EMS agencies to assist with medical equipment purchases for ambulances.

This legislation also amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to:

- Increase the ticket surcharge from \$10 to \$20, which is in addition to any other costs stemming from a traffic violation that is not a parking violation. This money will be deposited into the EMSOF.
- Increases the cost from \$25 to \$50 on defendants who participate in Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD). This \$50 will be deposited into EMSOF.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The \$10 ticket surcharge on traffic violations generated \$11.32 million in 2018-19 while the cost for the ARD program generated \$1,050 in 2018-19. By doubling this surcharge and the ARD costs, this would generate roughly \$11.32 million in additional revenue for the EMSOF annually, assuming the same number of traffic violations and participants in ARD occur across the State.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*