



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1838

PRINTERS NO. 3590

PRIME SPONSOR: Causer

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
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.

The 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.

This legislation would require the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to conduct a review of the last five years of court records within one year of the effective date of the act as follows:

- To ensure that EMSOF monies are being collected and deposited properly.
- To provide recommendations on any appropriate action necessary to ensure appropriate collection and deposit of EMSOF monies.

**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.

The remainder of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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