

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1838

**PRINTER NO.** 3590

**AMOUNT**

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**FUND**

Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

September 19, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Causer

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 1838 amends both Title 35 (Health and Safety) and Title 75 (Vehicles) by increasing the funding for and enhancing the use of the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF).

House Bill 1838 amends Title 35 to:

- Require 30% of the funding provided in the fund be allocated to specifically provide training to underserved rural areas; and
- Require that not less than 10% of the funds be provided directly to the EMS provider community to assist with the purchase of medical equipment to equip ambulances.

Additionally, the bill amends Title 75 to:

- Increase the fines for a moving violation from \$10 to \$20; and
- Increase the fine for a DUI conviction that results in Accelerated Rehabilitation Disposition (ARD) from \$25 to \$50.

The bill requires the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to conduct a review of the last five years of court records to ensure that EMSOF monies are being collected and deposited properly and to provide recommendations on any appropriate action necessary to ensure appropriate collection and deposit of EMSOF monies. The review is to be completed one year from the effective date of the act.

This act shall take effect in 120 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 1838 will generate an additional \$11 million of revenue for the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF).

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The \$10 ticket surcharge on traffic violations generated a three-year average of \$11 million for fiscal years 2017-18 through 2019-20 while the cost for the ARD program generated a three-year average of \$5,333. Increasing the surcharge and the ARD costs will generate approximately \$11 million in additional revenue for the EMSOF annually, assuming the same number of traffic violations and participants in ARD occur across the state.

The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is able to perform the analysis required in House Bill 1838 within its current appropriation level. Taking on this project may impact its ability to take on additional projects.