

**Virginia Department of Health
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB 82

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Orrock

3. Committee Finance

4. Title Motor vehicle registration fees for emergency services

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill would increase the motor vehicle registration surcharge used to support emergency medical services from two dollars per year (two -for-life) to four dollars per year (four -for-life).

6. Fiscal Impact: (see Fiscal Implications -item 8)

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	-	-	-
2002-03	\$10,400,000	-	NGF
2003-04	\$10,400,000	-	NGF

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	-	-	-
2002-03	\$10,400,000	-	NGF
2003-04	\$10,400,000	-	NGF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes, item #307.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to collect an additional two -dollar surcharge on all motor vehicle registrations, effective July 1, 2002 (state fiscal year 2003). This, in turn, would allow DMV to increase its annual collections by an estimated \$10,400,000, which would be transferred to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) per Section 46.2 -694 of the *Code of Virginia* for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (see other comments -item #11 for additional details). DMV estimates that it would incur minimal expenses for programming costs associated with the implementation of this legislation, while VDH would require an adequate non-general fund (NGF) appropriation beginning in FY 2003 to expend this additional revenue.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Virginia Department of Health
Department of Motor Vehicles

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill proposes to increase the revenue earmarked for the statewide emergency medical services program. The increased revenue would be distributed to specific programs, organizations and all jurisdictions in accordance to percentages specified in Section 46.2-694, *Code of Virginia*, as follows:

- ◆ Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (2.50%) – A trade organization that provides rescue training (example: emergency vehicle operation, swift water rescue, etc.)
- ◆ Improve Emergency Medical Services (13.50%) – Administered by VDH, which supports emergency medical services and advanced life support training, and EMS recruitment and retention programs (all funds for such support shall be used to recruit and retain volunteer EMS personnel only, including public awareness campaigns, technical assistance programs and similar activities).
- ◆ State support for the VDH Office of EMS (17.25%) – Statewide EMS programs support and other EMS programs including trauma registry support, etc.
- ◆ Regional EMS Council Support and State Police Funding (10.0%)
- ◆ Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (31.75%) – Non-profit EMS agencies including volunteer fire and rescue organizations can receive funding for equipment through matching grants.
- ◆ Return to Localities (25.0%) – Provides funding for training of volunteer or salaried emergency medical service personnel of licensed, non-profit emergency medical services agencies and for the purchase of necessary equipment and supplies for use in such locality for such agencies and EMS services. Funding for volunteer fire and rescue squads are also provided in this percentage.

Note: SB3 and HB701 are companion/identical bills.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources