

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB922

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

**2. Patron:**        Rust

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:**        **Vehicle registration fee increase for firefighting and emergency medical services.**

**5. Summary:** This bill increases the \$4-for-life fee to \$4.25, with the revenues generated by the additional \$0.25 to be used for costs associated with the certification and recertification training of emergency medical services personnel.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are final.** See Item #8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 290.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The current registration fee for a passenger vehicle of 4,000 pounds or less is \$39.50. An additional \$10 annual registration fee is assessed on those vehicles garaged within the jurisdictions of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and later this year within the jurisdictions of the Hampton Roads Transportation Authority, for a total registration fee of \$49.50. Of these amounts, \$4 is presently earmarked for the \$4-for-life program. The revenues from this program are dedicated to supporting local emergency medical services.

This proposal increases the \$4-for-life portion of the registration fee by \$0.25 to \$4.25. This would increase the annual registration fee for the above vehicle, to either \$39.75 or \$49.75. The Department of Taxation indicates this fee increase would generate an estimated \$1.6 million per year, which the bill directs towards the costs associated with certification and recertification of emergency medical services personnel.

The proposed House and Senate budgets did not include an amendment to address the appropriation needed to expend the revenues anticipated from this legislation.

Current revenues for the \$4-for-life program are approximately \$26 million annually and are deposited to a special fund used only for emergency medical service purposes. These funds are distributed per a formula specified by the Code:

- 2 Percent to the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads for volunteer recruitment, retention, and training activities;
- 30 Percent to the Virginia Department of Health for training programs, advanced life support training, recruitment and retention programs, system development, initiatives,

- and priorities, performance contracts, technology and radio communication enhancements, and improved preparedness and response;
- 32 Percent to the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund;
  - 10 Percent to the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services; and
  - 26 Percent to the locality in which each vehicle is registered for training of emergency medical service personnel and the purchase of equipment and supplies.

In FY 2008, the Virginia Department of Health budgeted \$1,804,226 from the 30 percent distributed to training programs to support programs leading to certification and recertification of emergency medical services personnel.

The bill specifies that the proposed \$0.25 increase is to be deposited into the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund to be used solely for the costs associated with certification and recertification of emergency medical services personnel.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles, Virginia Department of Health, local emergency medical services.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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Secretary of Health and Human Resources