

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB376ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Emergency vehicles of the Virginia National Guard

5. Summary: Provides that, for the purposes of exemptions granted to emergency vehicles in certain situations, the term "emergency vehicle" shall include Civil Support Team (CST) vehicles of the Virginia National Guard when responding to an emergency. The bill additionally permits such vehicles to be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating red or red and white combination warning lights.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Virginia National Guard operates 8 CST vehicles that are stationed at Fort Pickett, in Blackstone, Virginia. In emergencies where nuclear, biological, chemical or radiological elements are present, the CST provides expertise and rapid response capabilities to aid in ensuring public safety. The proposed legislation would allow for the necessary emergency lighting to permit CST vehicles to respond quickly and safely in emergency events.

According to the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), this legislation would not require the use of any state funding. DMA already has the basic lights and would only need to acquire the necessary light coverings. The light coverings would be acquired using existing federal funds.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DMA

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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