

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB374

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

2. **Patron:** Yancey

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Emergency medical services agencies; registration of vehicles owned or used by agencies.

5. **Summary:** This bill requires, upon application, the issuance of permanent license plates for emergency medical services vehicles owned by or under the exclusive control of a commercial or privately owned emergency medical services agency.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **No fiscal impact.** Preliminary. See Item #8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** An expenditure impact on the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is not anticipated, since the legislation does not call for the creation of a new type of license plate but instead calls for the issuance of standard emergency vehicle plates to commercial and privately owned emergency medical services agencies. There should be no revenue impact, since the legislation evidently proposes to have commercial and privately owned emergency medical services agencies pay the same registration and license plate fees they pay today.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Consideration may be given to the following:

The legislation proposes (at lines 15-16 and 29-30) having year and month decals issued for permanent plates. However, permanent plates, by their very nature, do not require decals. DMV can impose and collect annual registration fees without issuing decals for the plates. Accordingly, the language stricken at lines 15-16 should be restored, and the language added at line 29 should be stricken.

The bill proposes not exempting commercial and privately owned emergency medical services agencies from registration and license plate fees. While the bill, as drafted, would leave the vehicles subject to fees for license plates such as those set forth in §§ 46.2-692 and 46.2-692.2, the applicable registration fees need to be specified in the legislation.

Presumably, the intent is for the fees set forth in § 46.2-694, i.e., the standard registration fees that apply to all other passenger-carrying vehicles, to apply here. In that case, the following language should be inserted at the end of line 30: “The fees for vehicle registration issued under clause (iii) shall be as provided in § 46.2-694.”

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to SB 91.

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c: Secretary of Transportation