



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Sub. H.B. 128 of the 129th G.A.](#) **Date:** June 8, 2011
Status: As Reported by Senate Highways & Transportation **Sponsor:** Reps. Carey, Jr. and Peterson

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Staffing ambulances and emergency medical services grants and fireworks license moratorium

State Fiscal Highlights

- Extending the moratorium on the issuance of new fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses to December 15, 2015 will result in some foregone license fee revenue that the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) would have likely received had the moratorium expired.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- As a result of revising the priorities for the distribution of emergency medical services grants: (1) certain entities may not be awarded a grant that they might otherwise have received and (2) certain entities may be awarded a grant that they might otherwise not have received.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Ambulance staffing requirements

The bill allows an emergency response vehicle to be dispatched with only one emergency medical technician (EMT). Two EMTs would be required to be present at the scene of the emergency. Current law states that there must be two EMTs in the vehicle when it is dispatched. This change could, in theory, improve response time, but has no direct state or local fiscal effect.

Board of Emergency Medical Services grants

The bill revises the priorities used by the Board of Emergency Medical Services to distribute grants funded through Highway Safety Fund 83P0, line item 765637, EMS Grants. As a result, (1) certain entities may not be awarded a grant that they might otherwise have received under the current list of priorities and (2) certain entities may be awarded a grant that they might otherwise not have received under the current list of priorities. The total amount of awards distributed annually statewide ranges between \$2.5 million and \$4.0 million.

Fireworks license moratorium

Current law places a moratorium on the issuance of new fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses through December 15, 2011. The bill extends the moratorium on the issuance of any new licenses to December 15, 2015. However, according to current law, the State Fire Marshal is only permitted to issue licenses for fireworks manufacturers and wholesalers on December 1 of each year. This means that no new licenses would be issued until December 1, 2016, if the moratorium is not extended again. As a result of the extension of the moratorium, the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) will forego the revenue from new fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses that it otherwise would have received beginning in FY 2013 if the moratorium had been allowed to expire.

Though the moratorium prohibits the issuance of any new fireworks manufacturer or wholesaler licenses, such manufacturers and wholesalers that were licensed prior to the June 2001 effective date of the moratorium may continue to have their licenses renewed each year. As of FY 2010, there were about 50 fireworks manufacturers and wholesalers that continue to operate. These licensees pay annual license fees of \$2,750 per location, which generated approximately \$138,000 in revenue to Fund 5460 in FY 2010. Current law requires this revenue to be used by the State Fire Marshal to pay for fireworks safety education, training programs, and inspections.