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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 1/31/25 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB 197 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Campos **Agency Name and Code:** Municipal League (ML)  
**Short Title:** EMS System Improvement Projects Funding **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

##### **Synopsis:**

Senate Bill 197 allows bonding of Emergency Medical Services Act (EMS) fund revenues, enabling local EMS departments to pledge revenues for debt service. SB197 states EMS bonds may be issued for the purchase of equipment for emergency medical system improvement projects or emergency medical services vehicles. SB197 authorizes the state treasurer to redirect a distribution of EMS Act fund revenues to the New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans for purchases authorized pursuant to the EMS Fund Act or purchases authorized by ordinance or resolution passed by a municipality or county and a written agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Currently, Fire Protection Fund revenues may be used for debt service, such as purchasing fire trucks. SB197 proposes the same debt service ability for EMS Fund revenues, enabling the purchase of an ambulance, for example.

EMS capital costs are high and increasing, often making it cost-prohibitive for smaller local governments to purchase vehicles and equipment outright. For example, ambulances often cost over \$200,000.

EMS service is critical for communities across the state, providing lifesaving interventions, transportation to healthcare facilities, overdose response, and support for disaster response, as well as for the state's growing outdoor recreation industry.

In 2024, SB 151 increased EMS Fund revenues from approximately \$2.9 million to \$13.9 million. Beginning in FY26, 5 percent – approximately \$11 million – of health insurance premium taxes will be directed to the EMS Fund.