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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Taylor DATE TYPED 2/18/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Emergency Medical Technician License Plates SB 820

ANALYST Wilson

REVENUE

{Indicated amounts are in thousands, e.g., \$100,000.00 should be \$100.0}

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Im- pact	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
none	*	similar	Recurring	Motor Vehicle Division (\$10 per plate issued)
none	*	similar	Recurring	State Road Fund (\$11 per plate issued)
none	*	similar	Recurring	Local Governments (\$4 per plate issued)

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

(*)DOT has no information regarding the number of emergency medical technician special plates that may be requested. The special plate fee of \$25 is a one-time fee and applies only to the “original issuance” of the plate.

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Department of Transportation (DOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 820 requires the Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) to issue special motor vehicle registration plates to emergency medical technicians (EMT). The plates must be a standardized special registration plate with a logo specified in current law indicating that the recipient is an EMT.

The bill makes anyone who represents himself to be an emergency medical technician when they are not will be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Anyone who loses his or her licensure as an EMT with the State of New Mexico is required to remove the plate immediately.

Significant Issues

- There are currently about 7,000 licensed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel in the State of New Mexico. About 60% are volunteer responders.

This bill provides a method of recognizing emergency medical technicians during an emergency response. Currently, only a shoulder patch visually identifies emergency medical services (EMS) personnel responding to an emergency.

- This bill provides a method of visual recognition for volunteer and paid EMS providers that serve their communities. This recognition may help curb the decline in volunteerism and help with recruitment and retention of personnel.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

TRD is authorized to charge a \$25.00 fee in addition to the normal registration fee for the special licensed plates.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The EMS Bureau may need to modify its rules regarding licensing of EMS personnel to add special license plates as a means of recognition of EMS personnel. This can be easily accomplished with existing DOH personnel.

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