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Senate Bill 404 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Dale L. Shugars
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 209 of the Public Health Code, which governs emergency medical services (EMS), to require the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (DCIS) to develop and implement standards for all EMS education program sponsors, and review and approve education program sponsors; revise current examination standards for obtaining an EMS personnel license, including requiring that an examination adhere to standards developed by certain nationally recognized organizations; require the Emergency Medical Services Coordination Committee to advise the DCIS regarding curriculum changes for EMS education programs; revise the membership of the EMS Coordination Committee; expand immunity from liability provisions for EMS personnel to include services provided in a clinical setting, under certain conditions, and extend immunity to other specified individuals and entities involved in emergency medical services, including persons and entities involved in the development of EMS protocols; expand the current list of protocols that a medical control authority must develop; revise provisions concerning appeals of medical control authority decisions; allow full-time freestanding surgical outpatient facilities to participate in the development of medical control authority protocols; revise DCIS responsibilities regarding inspection of life support vehicles; and redefine "emergency patient".

MCL 333.20902 et al.

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, this bill would result in a cost saving to the State, resulting from the change to the national registry examination, of approximately \$60,000. Currently the State has a contract with a private firm to prepare the exam. Additionally, the bill would provide for a new \$20 fee to be assessed on those licenses who failed to notify the State of a change of address. The Department estimates that approximately 1,500 renewal applications are returned each year, which could generate \$30,000 in restricted revenue.

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