

Legislative Analysis



NONTRANSPORT PREHOSPITAL LIFE SUPPORT STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

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House Bill 5046

Sponsor: Rep. Leslie Mortimer

Committee: Health Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5046 AS INTRODUCED 7-6-05

House Bill 5046 would amend the Public Health Code to revise the staffing requirements for a non-transport pre-hospital life support operation that is designated as providing basic life support.

Currently under the law, non-transport, pre-hospital life support programs are licensed, and operate their vehicles in accord with local medical control authority protocols. The law specifies that a non-transport pre-hospital life support operation is prohibited from operating a life support vehicle unless it is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with certain specified personnel. The minimum staffing level is specified in the code based on the level of care the operation is designated to provide, as follows:

-If designated to provide basic life support, then with at least one emergency medical technician.

-If designated to provide limited advanced life support, then with at least one emergency medical technician specialist.

-If designated to provide advanced life support, then with at least one paramedic.

House Bill 5046 would apply only to operations designated to provide basic life support. The bill specifies a staffing level of at least one emergency medical technician *who is on board that vehicle or at the emergency scene*. (The italicized language is new.)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact.

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