

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 240 (Senator Derr)
Finance

**Workers' Compensation - Occupational Diseases - Volunteer Advanced Life
Support Unit Members**

This bill provides that volunteer advanced life support unit members who suffer from heart disease, hypertension, or lung disease resulting in disability or death are presumed to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under the workers' compensation law.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate increase in special fund expenditures. The Airport Authority, which employs volunteer advanced life support unit members, could incur increases in the cost of claims paid. While the bill would likely increase the cost of claims paid by the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, the increase would be offset by additional premium income from higher rates.

Local Effect: Indeterminate increase in costs of workers' compensation insurance. Local governments that employ volunteer advanced life support unit members could incur higher premiums, and those that are self insured could experience increases in the cost of claims paid.

Information Source(s): Workers' Compensation Commission, Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, Subsequent Injury Fund, Uninsured Employers' Fund, Department of Fiscal Services

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