

# Department of Legislative Services

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## FISCAL NOTE

### Revised

Senate Bill 38 (Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee)  
(Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services  
Systems)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

### Emergency Medical Services - Ambulance Services - Definitions and Regulations

This bill expands the definition of ambulance to include a conveyance that is used to provide aeromedical transport. The bill also charges the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) board, rather than the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) with adopting regulations necessary to establish a periodic licensing system for ambulance services. These regulations must require that in addition to the driver, at least one individual in attendance during patient treatment or transport be certified or licensed for the appropriate or greater level of care to be rendered.

## Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Special fund revenues could increase by approximately \$5,600 in FY 2002 from fees paid by new aeromedical transport licensees. This increase is anticipated to remain constant in the out-years. Expenditures would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
SF Revenue	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600
Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** MIEMSS has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

## Analysis

**Current Law:** MIEMSS does not have authority to license and regulate commercial aeromedical emergency medical services.

At least one individual, in addition to the driver in attendance, must be certified or licensed by the State as an emergency medical technician.

**Background:** MIEMSS reports that aeromedical transport is a growing and critical part of the emergency medical services system that was not contemplated at the time the commercial ambulance service law was initially enacted.

**State Revenues:** MIEMSS estimates that seven aircraft (helicopter and fixed wing) will seek licensure for aeromedical EMS transport at a cost of \$795 each (the same rate as charged for commercial ambulances). This would result in an increase of \$5,565 in special fund State revenues. This increase is expected to remain constant in future years.

**State Expenditures:** This bill will require seven additional inspections annually, which could be handled with existing agency resources.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, Department of Legislative Services

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