

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1312

(Chairman, Appropriations Committee)  
 (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

**Office of the State Fire Marshal - Hazardous Duty Pay**

This departmental bill increases, from \$50 to \$150, the maximum monthly hazardous duty pay (as set by the Secretary of Budget and Management for an employee of the State Fire Marshal working as a member of a bomb squad or as an explosives technician.

The bill is effective July 1, 2005.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential annual general fund expenditure increase of \$12,000 beginning in FY 2006. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Net Effect	(\$12,000)	(\$12,000)	(\$12,000)	(\$12,000)	(\$12,000)

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** An employee of the State Fire Marshal working as a member of a bomb squad or as an explosives technician is entitled to hazardous duty pay, which is required to be set by the Secretary of Budget and Management in an amount not to exceed \$50 per month.

**Background:** There are currently 10 explosives technicians employed by the State Fire Marshal who would be affected by the provisions of the bill. They can receive \$50 per month for hazardous duty pay.

**State Expenditures:** If set by the Secretary of Budget and Management in the full amount allowed, the bill would result in increased (tripled) hazardous duty pay by the State Fire Marshal for 10 employees. Accordingly, general fund expenditures by the State Fire Marshal could increase by \$1,000 per month, and \$12,000 per year, beginning in fiscal 2006.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Legislative Services

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