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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7268

BILL NUMBER: HB 1232

DATE PREPARED: Jan 22, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Insurance Benefits for EMT Personnel.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a county, municipality, or township that uses a volunteer fire department or an ambulance service company to purchase a policy of insurance to cover each volunteer Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) who is a member of the department or company.

Effective Date: July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires local units of government that use a volunteer fire department or ambulance service company to provide insurance coverage for volunteer EMTs. Current statute already provides that volunteer firefighters and EMTs working in a volunteer capacity for a volunteer fire department or ambulance company are to be covered by the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the Worker's Compensation Law and the Worker's Occupational Diseases Law.

The policy benefit requirements are specified in the bill and are similar to the required insurance coverage currently afforded volunteer firefighters. There are about 10,500 EMTs throughout the state. About half, or 5,250, are thought to be volunteers. The cost of the policy benefit requirements specified in the bill that may be over and above what is currently provided to EMTs is not known and depends on the circumstances in the volunteer fire departments or ambulance service companies providing services to local units of government.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, Municipalities, and Townships

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