

**Economic Impact Statement**

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**[IC 4-22-2.1-5](#) Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**

**Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:**

The Commission estimates that 32 small businesses will be impacted by this rule. The rule adds a certification program for emergency medical dispatch agencies and emergency medical dispatchers, as required pursuant to [IC 16-31-3.5](#). The Commission estimates that the number of small businesses impacted would be 32 statewide.

**Estimated Average Annual Administrative Costs That Small Businesses Will Incur:**

The Commission estimates that small businesses will incur some moderate administrative expenses resulting from the proposed rule. The Commission estimates that the 32 small businesses affected by certification requirements will incur some moderate additional administrative expenses resulting from the certification requirements. These small businesses will have to apply for, and receive, the emergency medical dispatch agency certification, ensure that their dispatchers are certified as emergency medical dispatchers, will have to renew applicable certifications every two years, and will have to maintain records necessary to the continued validity of those certifications.

**Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses:**

The Commission estimates that there will be approximately \$1,600 total fiscal impact on small businesses as a result of compliance with this rule. There may be additional fiscal impact for those small businesses that choose to pay for the training and/or certification of one or more of their employees who are required to be certified as emergency medical dispatchers.

**Supporting Data, Studies, and Analyses:**

The Commission reviewed professional journals publishing articles on emergency medical services issues and the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's publications on emergency medical dispatch training. In addition, the Commission staff conducted two surveys to determine how many of the entities currently engaged in emergency medical dispatching are small businesses and how many of their employees are not now trained to the standards contained in the rule.

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:**

The Commission has given the regulated community almost four years of preparatory time to ensure that their dispatchers trained. To the extent that one or more small businesses have chosen to pay for such training, the preparatory time has given those small businesses the opportunity to budget for the cost of such training.

**Explanation of Preliminary Determination:**

The Commission did not make a determination that the rule was necessary because the promulgation of such rule by the Commission is mandated under [IC 16-31-3.5](#).

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