

LEGISLATIVE FILING MEMORANDUM

To: House Clerk / Senate Secretary / Legislative Staff

From: Bill Author / Staff

Re: Pre-Filing — Municipal EMT State Pay Act

Date: _____

Purpose of the Bill

The Municipal EMT State Pay Act establishes a dedicated, non-General Fund revenue source to provide state-supported salary supplements for municipal Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics. The bill addresses workforce retention, staffing shortages, and public safety readiness across Louisiana.

Summary of Proposed Law

The bill enacts R.S. 32:412.2 to impose a \$6 surcharge on driver license issuances, renewals, and duplicates, and enacts R.S. 40:1235.3 to create the Municipal EMT State Pay Fund. All revenues are dedicated exclusively to salary supplements for full-time municipal EMTs and paramedics, distributed quarterly by the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of EMS.

Fiscal Impact

The bill has no impact on the State General Fund. The surcharge is expected to generate approximately \$6 million annually. Administrative costs to the Office of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Health are minimal and absorbable.

Policy Rationale

Emergency medical services are a core public safety function comparable to fire and law enforcement. Municipal EMTs and paramedics experience high turnover due to low compensation. A small license-based surcharge follows existing Louisiana precedent for public safety funding and provides stable, predictable support.

Implementation and Oversight

Revenue is statutorily dedicated and restricted to compensation. Distributions are based on verified staffing levels, with annual legislative reporting to ensure transparency and accountability.

Effective Date

January 1 following enactment.