

# 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.