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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4486 Introduced on January 9, 2018
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Subject: Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure
 Interstate Compact Act
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
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Impact Date: January 25, 2018

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds for the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) because additional duties will be managed within existing appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill authorizes the State to join the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA). The compact extends a privilege to practice in member states under authorized circumstances to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel based on a license issued by their home state EMS office. DHEC is currently responsible for the licensure of EMS personnel.

Under the compact, home states must require applicants for licensure to undergo a criminal background check to include fingerprint or other biometric data checks compliant with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). Home states must also require applicants to pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination. DHEC is currently in compliance with both of these requirements. Therefore, this portion of the bill will have no impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

This bill establishes the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice, which will meet at least once per year. Each member state will have one delegate. The commission anticipates holding two meetings each year; however, virtual participation, via phone or web, is also an option. DHEC indicates travel costs will be managed within existing appropriations. Therefore, this requirement does not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice may levy annual fees on each member state but is not required to do so. The Commission has secured a sustainable funding source and has no plans to levy an assessment now or in the future. Therefore, this section of the bill does not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

The compact gives DHEC the right to issue subpoenas for hearings and investigations that require witness testimony or production of evidence. DHEC would be required to pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes of the remote state. DHEC expects the fiscal impact to be minimal, and expenditures will be managed within existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill has no impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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