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Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Enacts the EMS Interstate Compact	

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Provides for the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA). (7/1/21)
(Item #44)

Proposed law establishes the multistate Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact and authorizes Louisiana EMS personnel to obtain multistate license privileges to practice in other compact states. Proposed law provides for criminal background checks, and verification of licensure through a coordinated system. Proposed law creates a commission (Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice), and provides for duties and responsibilities of the commission. The commission may levy and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees. Each member state shall have one delegate on the commission entitled to one vote with regard to rule promulgation and participate in the business and affairs of the commission. Proposed law provides that the compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth member state.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGR expenditures of the Office of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Services (BEMS) as the interstate commission may levy and collect an annual assessment (to be determined through rule making) from each member state to cover administrative and operational expenses of the commission and staff. The aggregate assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the commission. Since formation in 2017, the Compact has not issued an assessment to member states. In addition, each compact state will have a delegate appointed to the compact's commission. Any travel expenses of the delegate to participate in commission business is anticipated to be nominal and reimbursed under state travel guidelines (generally up to two meetings per year, sometimes conducted virtually).

Furthermore, a provision of proposed law requiring emergency personnel to undergo a federal fingerprint-based background check will increase expenditures in the Department of Public Safety; however, any costs incurred would be defrayed by a \$2 retainage on fees collected by DPS on the background check (see revenue explanation below).

NOTE: The Compact currently has 20 member states. Proposed law will bring Louisiana directly into compact membership pending administrative rule promulgation.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The OPH, BEMS anticipates proposed law may result in a minimal revenue loss to LDH as the result of EMS personnel currently domiciled outside the state of Louisiana no longer paying licensing fees. Furthermore, proposed law will increase revenues for the statutorily dedicated Criminal Identification and Information Fund by an indeterminable amount as the result of performing federal fingerprint based background checks for EMS personnel in addition to state name-based background checks.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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