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AN ACT EXEMPTING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES AND COMPANIES FROM THE FEE FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account - Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill exempts volunteer fire departments and volunteer ambulance services from the fees for criminal history records checks resulting in a potential revenue loss to the General Fund and the Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account and potential savings to municipalities.

To the extent that volunteer fire departments and volunteer ambulance services conduct these background checks results in a

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potential revenue loss to the General Fund and the Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account¹. There are approximately 500 new volunteer fire fighters per year who may be required to pass some or all these background checks (the number of new volunteer ambulance services workers is unknown). Below is a list of the following fees these volunteers will be exempt from under the bill:

- Name search - \$36
- Fingerprint search - \$75
- Personal record search - \$75
- Letters of good conduct search - \$75
- Bar association search - \$75
- Fingerprinting - \$15
- Criminal history record search - \$75

The bill also results in potential savings to municipalities to the extent they're currently paying these fees for volunteer firefighters and ambulance services workers.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of new volunteer firefighters and ambulance services workers and background checks conducted.

¹ Fingerprinting fees are deposited into this account and are used for IT support and maintenance for the fingerprinting systems.