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AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES FOR RESPONDING TO CALLS ON LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS AND AT CERTAIN OTHER LOCATIONS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	1.8 to 2.5 million	1.8 to 2.5 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the State Fire Administrator to pay \$700 to each volunteer fire company that responds to calls on certain highways resulting in a cost to the state of \$1.8 million to \$2.5 million per year. It is anticipated that there will be 2,500 to 3,500 calls per year. ¹

The bill also requires the State Fire Administrator to pay \$700 per year to volunteer fire companies to provide fire protection on certain highways where no fire protection is currently provided. This results in no fiscal impact to the state because all portions of these highways currently have fire protection.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of calls responded to by

¹ In 2003 (the last year the state provided reimbursement for responding to these calls) there were 2,400 calls.

volunteer fire companies.