

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 453 (House PCS7186-RM-18)

**SHORT TITLE:** Regulation of Emergency Medical Services - AB

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Wright

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Yes ( )      No (X)      No Estimate Available ( )**

**FY 2001-02   FY 2002-03   FY 2003-04   FY 2004-05   FY 2005-06**

**REVENUES**

**EXPENDITURES**

**POSITIONS:**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &  
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:**

Department of Health and Human Service  
Division of Facility Services

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** When it becomes law

**BILL SUMMARY:** The proposed legislation provides for the regulation of emergency medical services by amending GS Chapter 131E, Article 7, Regulation of Ambulance Services. Changes title to "Regulation of Emergency Medical Services" and makes provisions of article applicable to all emergency medical services (EMS) provided in NC. Adds new definitions for terms describing various categories of EMS personnel. Increases period for which an ambulance permit is valid to up to four years (currently, up to one year). Requires EMS personnel to be credentialed by Department of Health and Human Services. Authorizes NC Medical Care Commission to adopt rules regarding such credentialing. Amends GS Chapter 131E, Article 7A, the Statewide Trauma System Act, to require Commission to adopt rules regarding credentials for trauma centers. Makes additional technical, updating, and conforming changes.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

The proposed legislation updates existing law for regulating Emergency Medical Services, but it does not significantly enlarge the responsibilities of the Department of Health and Human Services to the point where additional staff or funding is necessary.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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