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Highlights

- The State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, a unit of the Department of Public Safety, may incur minimal annual operating costs to license and inspect stretcher van organizations, offset to some degree by the collection of related fees.
- The bill will have no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill establishes a licensing mechanism for the regulation of stretcher van organization services by the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, a unit of the Department of Public Safety. The bill requires a stretcher van organization seeking to provide nonemergency transportation services to individuals on a stretcher to obtain a license from the Board. Under the bill, these services are generally subject to the same rules and regulations as other types of medical transportation services and vehicles that the State Board regulates. The bill also modifies certain licensing procedures used by the Board for other medical transportation services.

The bill defines “stretcher van” as a motor vehicle specifically designed and equipped to provide nonemergency transportation to individuals on a stretcher. Generally, such patients are transported by ambulance since their medical condition requires them to be transported lying down on a stretcher and an ambulance is the only type of vehicle that is equipped with a stretcher. The Department is currently aware of one organization that has expressed interest in providing stretcher van transportation for its patients.

There may be minimal operating costs for the State Board to establish and maintain a process to license and inspect stretcher van organizations. The State Board’s operations are paid

for with money appropriated from the Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Fund (Fund 83M0).

The required fees to be paid for issuance and renewal of licenses and permits for stretcher van organizations and stretcher vans will offset the State Board's costs to some degree. The fees correspond to the limits that apply under current law to the State Board's regulation of other medical transportation services and vehicles. Fees are capped at not more than \$100 and are to be credited to Fund 83M0, as under current law.