



**150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 163
SPONSOR:	Representative Carson
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EMS COMPANY VOLUNTEERS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act exempts individuals applying for membership of a volunteer emergency medical services (EMS) company from paying the cost of a background check done by the State Bureau of Identification. The present fee for a State of Delaware criminal background check is \$52, the fee for a State and Federal criminal background check is \$65.
3. According to the 19th Annual Report by the Delaware Emergency Medical Services Oversight Council issued on April 15, 2019, there are over 54 agencies in this State that comprise a combination of paid and volunteer EMS providers.
4. It is assumed that the majority of Emergency Medical Technicians' (EMT) at volunteer fire departments and stand-alone ambulance service companies are paid employees. Background checks for paid EMTs are typically reimbursed by employers.
5. Therefore, the total fiscal impact of this Act is indeterminable due to the inability to determine how many individuals apply to volunteer at EMS companies annually as well as assumed insignificant primarily due to the assumed small number of volunteers statewide.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2020:	Indeterminable; assumed insignificant
Fiscal Year 2021:	Indeterminable; assumed insignificant
Fiscal Year 2022:	Indeterminable; assumed insignificant

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