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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1867

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1867 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Fire
5 Department and Emergency Medical Services Response Time Note
6 Act.

7 Section 5. Applicability. Every bill, the purpose or effect
8 of which potentially could result in increases or decreases in
9 fire department or emergency medical services response times,
10 shall have prepared for it, before second reading in the house
11 of introduction, a brief explanatory statement or note that
12 shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated impact on
13 the response times for fire departments and emergency medical
14 services. These notes shall be known as fire department and
15 emergency medical services response time notes.

1 Section 10. Preparation. The sponsor of each bill, to which
2 Section 5 applies, shall present a copy of the bill, with his
3 or her request for a fire department and emergency medical
4 services response time note to the State Fire Marshal, if the
5 subject of the bill is fire departments, or to the Department
6 of Public Health, if the subject of the bill is emergency
7 medical services. The fire department and emergency medical
8 services response time note shall be prepared by the State Fire
9 Marshal or the Department of Public Health, as applicable, and
10 furnished to the sponsor of the bill within 5 calendar days
11 thereafter; except that whenever, because of the complexity of
12 the measure, additional time is required for the preparation of
13 the fire department and emergency medical services note, the
14 State Fire Marshal or the Department of Public Health may so
15 inform the sponsor of the bill and the sponsor may approve an
16 extension not to exceed an additional 5 calendar days within
17 which to furnish the note. An extension may not, however, be
18 beyond May 15 following the date of the request. If both fire
19 departments and emergency medical services are the subjects of
20 the bill, then both the State Fire Marshal and the Department
21 of Public Health shall be presented the bill and each shall
22 prepare a fire department and emergency medical services
23 response time note.

24 Copies of each fire department and emergency medical
25 services response time note shall be furnished by the State
26 Fire Marshal or the Department of Public Health to the

1 presiding officer of each chamber, the minority leader of each
2 chamber, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the
3 Secretary of the Senate, the sponsor of the bill which is the
4 subject of the note, and the member, if any, who initiated the
5 request for the note.

6 Section 15. Vote on necessity of fire department and
7 emergency medical services response time note. Whenever the
8 sponsor of a bill is of the opinion that a fire department and
9 emergency medical services response time note is not necessary,
10 any member of either chamber may request that a note be
11 obtained, and in that case the applicability of this Act shall
12 be decided by a majority of those present and voting in the
13 chamber of which the sponsor is a member.

14 Section 20. Requisites and contents. The note shall be
15 factual in nature, as brief and concise as may be, and shall
16 provide as reliable an estimate of the bill's impact as is
17 possible under the circumstances. The note shall include both
18 the immediate effect and, if determinable or reasonably
19 foreseeable, the long-range effect of the bill. If, after
20 careful investigation, it is determined that no estimate is
21 possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect
22 setting forth the reasons why no estimate can be given.

23 Section 25. Comment or opinion; technical or mechanical

1 defects. No comment or opinion shall be included in the note
2 with regard to the merits of the bill for which the note is
3 prepared; however, technical or mechanical defects may be
4 noted. The note shall be prepared in quintuplicate, and the
5 original of the note shall be signed by the State Fire Marshal
6 or the Director of Public Health, as applicable.

7 Section 30. Appearance of State officials and employees in
8 support or opposition of measure. The fact that a fire
9 department and emergency medical services response time note is
10 prepared for a bill shall not preclude or restrict the
11 appearance before any committee of the General Assembly of any
12 official or authorized employee of any State board, commission,
13 department, agency, or other entity that desires to be heard in
14 support of or in opposition to the bill.

15 Section 35. Amendment of bill necessitating statement of
16 effect of proposed amendment. Whenever any committee of either
17 chamber reports any bill with an amendment of such nature as
18 will substantially affect the impact of the bill on the
19 response times of fire departments or emergency medical
20 services, and whenever any bill is amended on the floor of
21 either chamber in such manner as to substantially affect the
22 response times of fire departments or emergency medical
23 services, the State Fire Marshal or the Department of Public
24 Health may, on its own initiative, or shall, within 5 calendar

1 days after a request by any member of the chamber by which the
2 bill is then considered, prepare a new or revised fire
3 department and emergency medical services response time note in
4 relation to the amended bill. If such a request is made, the
5 bill shall be held on second reading until the note is received
6 or the 5 calendar day period has passed. Copies of each new or
7 revised fire department and emergency medical services
8 response time note shall be furnished to the persons named in
9 Section 10.

10 Section 40. Confidentiality. The subject matter of bills
11 submitted to the shall be kept in strict confidence by the
12 State Fire Marshal and the Department of Public Health, and no
13 information relating to the bill or its insurance cost impact
14 shall be divulged by any official or employee of the State Fire
15 Marshal or the Department of Public Health, except to the
16 bill's sponsor or the sponsor's designee, before the bill's
17 introduction in the General Assembly."