

House Bill 631

In The House

February 4, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
February 6, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 11, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.

HOUSE BILL NO. 631

INTRODUCED BY

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN VOLUNTEER PROVIDERS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE COST OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Reimbursement of emergency medical services volunteers. (1) A person is entitled to reimbursement for emergency medical services training, as provided in subsection (2), if he:

(a) is a volunteer as described in 27-1-714 and is a member of a recognized search and rescue group, volunteer fire department, volunteer ambulance group, quick response unit, or similar volunteer organization; or

(b) provides volunteer medical assistance services on a regular basis but for substantially fewer than 40 hours a week and for a token payment only.

(2) Subject to [section 2], the department of health and environmental sciences shall reimburse any person qualifying under subsection (1) for reasonable fees paid for the following courses:

(a) first responder course, up to \$25;

(b) basic emergency medical technician course leading to state certification or recertification, up to \$75, including certification or recertification fee;

(c) advanced emergency medical technician intermediate level course, up to \$150;

(d) advanced emergency medical technician paramedic level course, up to \$300;

(e) emergency medical technician course coordinator training, up to \$60; and

(f) emergency medical technician course instructor training, up to \$50.

(3) A volunteer group as described in subsection (1)(a) shall apply to the department of health and environmental sciences for reimbursement of the fee on behalf of its member who has taken one of the courses listed in subsection (2). A person seeking to qualify under subsection (1)(b), such as a person who works for a private ambulance company on an on-call basis for a token fee only, shall apply for reimbursement through his employer, if any, or on his own initiative if he is not an employee.

Section 2. Requirements for reimbursement. The provisions of subsection (2) of [section 1] shall be implemented on an individual basis. A person applying for a reimbursement is entitled to receive it provided:

(1) he meets the requirements of subsection (1) of

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1 [section 1];
 2 (2) the courses taken are approved by the department
 3 of health and environmental sciences;
 4 (3) he completes the courses successfully; and
 5 (4) he is not eligible for reimbursement under any
 6 grant program or statute.

7 Section 3. Rulemaking authority. The department of
 8 health and environmental sciences shall promulgate rules to
 9 implement [sections 1 through 3]. The rules shall address:
 10 (1) the means of determining who is a volunteer under
 11 [sections 1 through 3];
 12 (2) the criteria for approval of courses for emergency
 13 medical volunteers;
 14 (3) the requirements for successful completion of
 15 approved courses;
 16 (4) the means of determining whether a person applying
 17 for reimbursement is eligible for reimbursement under any
 18 grant program or statute;
 19 (5) the means of determining how much reimbursement an
 20 eligible person is entitled to receive; and
 21 (6) any other concerns that the department determines
 22 need to be addressed for efficient and equitable
 23 implementation of [sections 1 through 3].

24 Section 4. Codification instruction. Sections 1
 25 through 3 are intended to be codified as an integral part of

1 Title 50, chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title 50,
 2 chapter 6, parts 1 and 2, apply to sections 1 through 3.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 316-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received 2/6/, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB631 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

An act to provide for reimbursement of certain volunteer providers of emergency medical services for the cost of professional training courses.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. That the number of EMTs being certified and recertified, will closely approximate current certification plans. The estimates are based on estimated maximum numbers. That recertification costs are provided for the Basic EMT only, not for other programs.
2. That the number of First Responders, EMT-I's, and EMT-P's are a "best guess" only since certification programs are not now in place for them, but will be during FY 82 & FY 83.
3. Increased clerical assistance at the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences will be necessary to adequately manage the program.
4. That the amount indicated for reimbursement in the bill is the maximum, and may, in some instances be less.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revenue provided for the reimbursement will come solely from the general fund.

The expenditures are as follows:

	<u>FY82</u>	<u>FY83</u>	<u>FY82</u>	<u>FY83</u>
<u>First Responder \$25</u>				
FY82-750 Individuals	18,750		<u>Course Coordinator\$60</u>	
FY83-1, 300 Individuals		32,500	FY82 - 50	3,000
			FY83 - 50	3,000
<u>EMT-Basic \$75</u>			<u>EMT-Instructors \$50</u>	
FY82			FY82 - 100	5,000
400 New EMTs	30,000		FY83 - 200	10,000
500 Recertifying	37,500			
FY83				
400 New EMTs		30,000		
500 Recertifying		37,500		
<u>EMT-I \$150</u>				
FY82 - 100	15,000			
FY83-200		30,000		
<u>EMT-P \$300</u>				
FY82 - 50	15,000			
FY83- 100		30,000		
<u>Administrative Costs</u>				
Administrative Aide II	6,114	6,893		
(6-8) 1/2 time				
Fringe Benefits	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,310</u>		
	<u>7,276</u>	<u>8,203</u>		

(See Attachment for additional information)

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	FY82	FY83
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Telephone & Postage	1,000	1,100
Supplies & materials	500	600
Xeroxing	500	600
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,300</u>
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	2,500	
Office equipment, typewriter, file cabinets, etc, to accommodate person managing this program		
Totals	\$136,026	\$183,503

LOCAL IMPACT

This is primarily an expense now provided by local government and/or volunteers, and private businesses. Would reduce expenditures made by locals.