



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION**

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PRE CONSIDERED SLR: S5706 / A7603

COMMITTEE: State and Federal Legislation

TITLE: AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing awards to spouses of emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians who are killed while engaged in the discharge of duty

SPONSOR(S): Karen Koslowitz

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This bill would provide spouses or domestic partners of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and advanced emergency medical technicians (Paramedics) an award equal to the annual salary of the member at the time of death. This award is currently offered to police officers, firefighters, and transit police officers, and is paid in one lump sum as soon after the death as possible. The award is also in addition to any pension, award or other allowances authorized by law.

In the case that a member has no spouse or domestic partner, the award will be made to the minor child or children surviving such member. If no such children exist, the award will be made to the dependent mother, father, or other dependents.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This law would take effect immediately

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2018

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY18	FY Succeeding Effective FY19	Full Fiscal Impact FY18
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$26,794	\$26,794	\$26,794
Net	\$26,794	\$26,794	\$26,794

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is anticipated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is anticipated that this legislation would add an expenditure of roughly \$27,000 each year. Based on the Office of the Actuary's 6/30/2016 valuation, there are 3,846 active EMT's with an average salary of \$53,590. Assuming an accidental mortality probability of 0.013% for both men and women (Maguire et al), approximately 0.5 EMTs are killed while engaged in the discharge of duty each year.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: The New York City Council Finance Division
Occupational fatalities in emergency medical services: a hidden crisis. Maguire BJ,
Hunting KL, Smith GS, and Levick NR. Annals of Emergency Medicine. 2002
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This bill will be voted out of the State and Federal Legislation Committee as a Preconsidered SLR on June 15, 2017. Upon successful vote by the Committee, the Preconsidered SLR will be introduced and submitted to the full Council for a vote on June 15, 2017.

DATE PREPARED: June 12, 2017