

Re: [6824](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2017, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE.**

1. What is your municipality? Sherman
2. Does your municipality currently participate in the Resident State Trooper program? Yes
3. If so, what is currently appropriated for that program, and what would that estimated amount be if you were required to pay 100 percent of the program? We currently appropriate 136,635 which includes 70% of base pay plus overtime with a fringe rate of 82%. Estimated cost based on last years' figures would be \$\$177,449 or an increase of \$40,814..Given a 2015/2016 Cost of Living Adjustment we would expect the increase to be somewhere in the area of an additional \$50,000 or more.
4. What is the likelihood that your municipality would remain in the program if this change occurs? This would have to be discussed at an upcoming Board of Selectmen's meeting.
5. Other comments? Sherman is a small municipality with a town budget of \$4,956,957 (fiscal 2014/2015). An increase of \$50,000 is roughly 1% of our budget and would create a real hardship in funding other needs and requirements that the town must fund in the coming year. Our residents (taxpayers) are still recovering from the economic downturn of recent years and would find it very difficult to shoulder this expense.

Regards, Clay

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