



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7047

House of Representatives, March 20, 2017

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. LEMAR of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY AND TESTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) Each municipal and
2 volunteer fire department shall maintain the pump and aerial
3 components of such department's fire apparatus in compliance with
4 the inspection, maintenance and testing requirements of standard 1911
5 of the National Fire Protection Association.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
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PD Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

There is expected to be minimal fiscal impact resulting from the bill, which requires municipalities to comply with Standard 1911 of the National Fire Protection Association regarding the maintenance and testing of fire apparatuses. There is a potential cost to the estimated 20% of municipalities who do not currently comply by this standard. This cost would result from having to upgrade, modify, or maintain these apparatuses, which typically cost between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million, in accordance with Standard 1911's guidelines in the instances it differs from municipalities' existing standards.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7047*****AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY AND TESTING.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires municipal and volunteer fire departments to maintain their pump and aerial fire apparatus components in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association standard 1911. Standard 1911 sets minimum requirements for inspecting, maintaining, testing, and retiring fire apparatus. Existing law establishes state safety inspection requirements for fire apparatus (CGS § 14-11d).

Under DMV regulations, a motor vehicle is regulated as “fire apparatus” if it is used as an emergency vehicle and weighs at least 18,001 pounds or is registered as fire apparatus and bears fire apparatus license plates (Conn. Agencies Regs. § 14-11d-1).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 4 (03/03/2017)