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House Bill No. 7047
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 19, 2017

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 (1) 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, and (2) such fire
6 department's apparatus in compliance with the requirements of 49
7 CFR 393, Subparts A to E, inclusive, G and J, as amended from time to
8 time, 49 CFR 396.1 to 396.25, inclusive, as amended from time to time,
9 and 49 CFR Chapter III, Subchapter B, Appendix G, as amended from
10 time to time.

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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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 and federal regulations 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.

House "A" alters the original bill by requiring municipal fire departments to comply with specific federal standards in addition to NFPA codes.

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 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE APPARATUS SAFETY AND TESTING.*****SUMMARY**

Existing law establishes state safety inspection requirements for fire apparatus (CGS § 14-11d). 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.

The bill also requires that such departments maintain their fire apparatus in compliance with specified federal regulations concerning safety, maintenance, and inspections. Existing state regulations already require compliance with the same federal regulations (Conn. Agencies Regs. § 14-11d-2; see also § 14-163c-1). (But, it is unclear if the bill conflicts with state regulations that may require compliance with additional Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations not included in the bill.)

Under Department of Motor Vehicles 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).

*House Amendment "A" specifies that municipal and volunteer fire departments maintain their fire apparatus in compliance with certain federal regulations concerning commercial motor vehicles.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 4 (03/03/2017)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 17 (05/12/2017)