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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1867

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1867 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Fire
5 Department and Emergency Medical Services Response Time Note
6 Act.

7 Section 5. Applicability. Every bill, the purpose or effect
8 of which potentially could result in increases or decreases in
9 fire department or emergency medical services response times,
10 shall have prepared for it, before second reading in the house
11 of introduction, a brief explanatory statement or note that
12 shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated impact on
13 the response times for fire departments and emergency medical
14 services. These notes shall be known as fire department and
15 emergency medical services response time notes.

1 Section 10. Preparation. The sponsor of each bill, to which
2 Section 5 applies, shall present a copy of the bill, with his
3 or her request for a fire department and emergency medical
4 services response time note to the Office of the State Fire
5 Marshal, if the subject of the bill is fire departments, or to
6 the Department of Public Health, if the subject of the bill is
7 emergency medical services. The fire department and emergency
8 medical services response time note shall be prepared by the
9 Office of the State Fire Marshal or the Department of Public
10 Health, as applicable, and furnished to the sponsor of the bill
11 within 5 calendar days thereafter; except that whenever,
12 because of the complexity of the measure, additional time is
13 required for the preparation of the fire department and
14 emergency medical services note, the Office of the State Fire
15 Marshal or the Department of Public Health may so inform the
16 sponsor of the bill and the sponsor may approve an extension
17 not to exceed an additional 5 calendar days within which to
18 furnish the note. An extension may not, however, be beyond May
19 15 following the date of the request. If both fire departments
20 and emergency medical services are the subjects of the bill,
21 then both the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the
22 Department of Public Health shall be presented the bill and
23 each shall prepare a fire department and emergency medical
24 services response time note.

25 Copies of each fire department and emergency medical
26 services response time note shall be furnished by the Office of

1 the State Fire Marshal or the Department of Public Health to
2 the presiding officer of each chamber, the minority leader of
3 each chamber, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the
4 Secretary of the Senate, the sponsor of the bill which is the
5 subject of the note, and the member, if any, who initiated the
6 request for the note.

7 Section 15. Vote on necessity of fire department and
8 emergency medical services response time note. Whenever the
9 sponsor of a bill is of the opinion that a fire department and
10 emergency medical services response time note is not necessary,
11 any member of either chamber may request that a note be
12 obtained, and in that case the applicability of this Act shall
13 be decided by a majority of those present and voting in the
14 chamber of which the sponsor is a member.

15 Section 20. Requisites and contents. The note shall be
16 factual in nature, as brief and concise as may be, and shall
17 provide as reliable an estimate of the bill's impact as is
18 possible under the circumstances. The note shall include both
19 the immediate effect and, if determinable or reasonably
20 foreseeable, the long-range effect of the bill. If, after
21 careful investigation, it is determined that no estimate is
22 possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect
23 setting forth the reasons why no estimate can be given.

1 Section 25. Comment or opinion; technical or mechanical
2 defects. No comment or opinion shall be included in the note
3 with regard to the merits of the bill for which the note is
4 prepared; however, technical or mechanical defects may be
5 noted. The note shall be prepared in quintuplicate, and the
6 original of the note shall be signed by the Office of the State
7 Fire Marshal or the Director of Public Health, as applicable.

8 Section 30. Appearance of State officials and employees in
9 support or opposition of measure. The fact that a fire
10 department and emergency medical services response time note is
11 prepared for a bill shall not preclude or restrict the
12 appearance before any committee of the General Assembly of any
13 official or authorized employee of any State board, commission,
14 department, agency, or other entity that desires to be heard in
15 support of or in opposition to the bill.

16 Section 35. Amendment of bill necessitating statement of
17 effect of proposed amendment. Whenever any committee of either
18 chamber reports any bill with an amendment of such nature as
19 will substantially affect the impact of the bill on the
20 response times of fire departments or emergency medical
21 services, and whenever any bill is amended on the floor of
22 either chamber in such manner as to substantially affect the
23 response times of fire departments or emergency medical
24 services, the Office of the State Fire Marshal or the

1 Department of Public Health may, on its own initiative, or
2 shall, within 5 calendar days after a request by any member of
3 the chamber by which the bill is then considered, prepare a new
4 or revised fire department and emergency medical services
5 response time note in relation to the amended bill. If such a
6 request is made, the bill shall be held on second reading until
7 the note is received or the 5 calendar day period has passed.
8 Copies of each new or revised fire department and emergency
9 medical services response time note shall be furnished to the
10 persons named in Section 10.

11 Section 40. Confidentiality. The subject matter of bills
12 submitted to the Office of the State Fire Marshal or the
13 Department of Public Health shall be kept in strict confidence
14 by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Department of
15 Public Health, and no information relating to the bill or its
16 insurance cost impact shall be divulged by any official or
17 employee of the Office of the State Fire Marshal or the
18 Department of Public Health, except to the bill's sponsor or
19 the sponsor's designee, before the bill's introduction in the
20 General Assembly."