

**SB**

**137**

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1  
Bill Version: SB 137  
(S) Publish Date: 3-26-97

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Exempt Vol. EMT/Fire Fightr  
Wage & Hour Law  
Sponsor: Senator Leman  
Requestor: Senate L&C

Department Affected: Labor  
BRU: Labor Standards & Safety  
Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wage & Hour Administration  
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 345

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUE FUND SOURCE #</b>						
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**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipt						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY97) impact: \$ NONE

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would exempt certain volunteer emergency medical technicians and volunteer fire fighters from state wage and hour laws. There is no fiscal impact associated with this bill.

Prepared by: Alan W. Dwyer, Director *AWD* 3/17/97 Phone: 465-4855  
Division: Labor Standards & Safety Date: 2/20/97  
Approved by Commissioner: Tom Cashen, Commissioner  
Agency: Department of Labor Date: 2/20/97

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**BILL NO** No. 2  
 Bill Version: SB 137  
 (S) Publish Date: 3-26-97

Revision Date: March 17, 1997 Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
 Title: An Act exempting certain volunteer EMT's & FF's from state wage & hour laws BRU: Fire Prevention  
 Sponsor: Senator Leman Component: Fire Prevention Operations  
 Requestor: S. Judiciary COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0494

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)**

OPERATING	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Revenue Code						

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

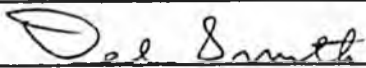
Estimate of current year (FY 97) impact: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	C	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This bill will not fiscally impact the Division of Fire Prevention.

Prepared By: Chester Weger Phone: 269-5905  
 Division: Fire Prevention Date: 3/17/97  
 Approved by Commissioner:  Date: 3/19/97  
 Agency: Ronald L. Otte, Dept. of Public Safety

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### SENATE BILL 137: EXEMPT VOL. EMT/FIRE FGTR WAGE & HOUR LAW

Alaska is fortunate to have an army of volunteers serving as emergency medical technicians and fire fighters. It is unfortunate that labor law and regulation have become so convoluted that to reimburse these volunteers for out-of-pocket expenses places them over the wage and hour line as "employees".

Some volunteer organizations have gone to extraordinary organizational lengths to avoid this problem, while others continue to reimburse unaware that they may possibly be violating state wage and hour law.

The exemption for volunteer EMTs and fire fighters needs to be made, so that Alaska can continue to receive the benefit of their services without the heavy hand of government over-regulation.