

SB

202

<TARGET><BILL>SB 202</BILL><SUBJECT>SB
202</SUBJECT><COMM>SHSS27</COMM></TARGET>



SENATOR DENNIS EGAN

Sponsor Statement

SB 202: Resuscitation Protocol Documents

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) standards are updated regularly based on new research. Unfortunately, due to the slow process of changing agency regulations, current state regulations reference outdated and incorrect CPR standards.

For example, when the current resuscitation regulations were adopted in 2002, the gold standard for adult CPR was 15 chest compressions for every two breaths administered. Today, the American Heart Association recommends 30 compressions for every two breaths. Pediatric standards have also changed significantly since the time current CPR regulations were established.

The International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) is an international group of scientists that reviews studies, makes treatment recommendations, and publishes its findings. The addition of the ILCOR findings to AS 47.05.012 would allow Emergency Medical Services offices and instructors to teach the most current and appropriate resuscitation standards without having to go through the lengthy process of revising agency regulations.

This bill is necessary to maintain a high standard of emergency medical care in Alaska.

Dennis Egan
EGAN

----- ALASKA SENATE -----

STATE CAPITOL • JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801-1182 • (907) 465-4947 • FAX (907) 465-2108
SENATOR.DENNIS.EGAN@LEGIS.STATE.AK.US

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SB202
 Fiscal Note Number _____
 () Publish Date _____

Identifier (file name) SB202-DHSS-EP-3-2-12 Dept. Affected Health and Social Services
 Title Resuscitation Protocol Documents Appropriation Public Health
 Allocation Emergency Programs
 Sponsor Senator Egan
 Requester Senate HSS Committee OMB Component Number 2877

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							
---------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs** _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required);
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY13) costs** _____ (separate capital appropriation required);
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Not applicable. Initial version.

Prepared by Ward B. Hurlburt, M.D., MPH / Chief Medical Officer-Director Phone 269-6680
 Division Public Health Date/Time 3/2/12 4:00 PM
 Approved by Nancy Rolfzen, Assistant Commissioner Date 3/2/2012
DHSS Finance & Management Services

FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. SB202

Analysis

The bill amends AS 47.05.012 by adding resuscitation protocols to the list of materials that may be incorporated by reference in regulations. This will allow Emergency Medical Services (EMS) instructors to teach the most appropriate cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques without the delay in adopting new statutory changes when new standards are published. The state EMS office has to choose between teaching and testing EMTs on current best practices or according to current state regulations which reference outdated and incorrect medical standards.

There is no fiscal impact to the department. The cost to update training materials to the current ILCOR standards is expected to be minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources.

The International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) is an international consensus group of scientists that reviews studies, makes treatment recommendations for resuscitation, and publishes its findings when appropriate, usually every five years.

ALASKA COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

ACEMS
P.O. Box 110616
Juneau, AK 99811-0616
(907) 465-3027



March 2, 2012

Senator Dennis Egan
State Capitol Room 510
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Egan,

We are deeply appreciative and excited that this bill is going forward. The Governor's Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services (ACEMS) feels the responsibility of ensuring the most up to date information is utilized in the instruction of the state's first responders throughout Alaska. The ability to do that with cardiopulmonary resuscitation training (CPR) has been hindered by a seemingly minor road block in the state regulatory process.

We feel that SB 202 will remedy this situation.

The members of ACEMS feel there would be a significant benefit in adding the ILCOR scientific findings to the list in AS 47.05.012. This would allow the EMS Unit of the Section of Emergency Programs (the lead agency for EMS training in Alaska) and EMS instructors in the State to teach the most current, appropriate resuscitation standards as they are published, without having to go through a succession of regulatory changes to adopt new curricula for their training programs. This bill is vital to help maintain the high standards of emergency care in Alaska.

Thank you for your time and efforts of this very important matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

David Hull, MICP
Chair, Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services