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**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 699 Epinephrine Auto Injector Legislation

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive information regarding Senate Bill (SB) 669 Emergency Medical Care: Epinephrine Auto Injectors.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The EMS Authority will have administrative and staff salary costs estimated at \$135,000 annually related to program oversight. Training and certification costs are undetermined at this time.

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 10, 2013, SB 669 (Huff, Chapter 725) was signed by the Governor. SB 669 authorizes an off-duty pre-hospital emergency medical care person or lay rescuer to use an epinephrine auto-injector to render emergency care to another person. The bill requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to establish minimum standards for training and use of epinephrine auto-injectors and approve authorized training providers.

**DISCUSSION:**

The passage of SB 669 authorizes EMSA to establish and approve minimum training standards, and review and approve training programs that provide training in the use of epinephrine auto injectors. The bill also authorizes EMSA to collect fees to cover the costs associated with administering the training review, approval and certification program. In order to implement the training and certification program, an additional staff member is needed to develop training standards, regulations and perform the training program review and approval and certifications of trained personnel.

A budget change proposal seeking approval for an additional staff member and spending authority to fund the position beginning in the 2014 fiscal year has been approved by the Department of Finance. While the Governor's 2014 proposed budget

includes the additional funding requested, a legislative hearing and approval of the Governor's budget is required to secure the position and funding.

Estimated Implementation Timeline:

Should the requested position and funding be approved in the fiscal year 2014 state budget, EMSA plans to implement the Epinephrine Auto-injector regulations as follows:

August 2014	Taskforce drafts regulations to outline training standards and certification
October 2014	Rulemaking file opened with Office of Administrative law; Regulations must be approved within one year
October 2014	Draft regulations released for public comment
September 2015	Draft regulations submitted to Commission on EMS for approval
October 2015	Office of Administrative Law reviews and approves regulations
January 2016	Epinephrine Auto-injector Regulations go into effect