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**Bill Number:** S. 0874 Amended by House Education and Public Works on April 24,

2018

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Subject: Emergency Vehicles Requestor: Senate Transportation

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Impact Date: April 26, 2018

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact** 

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

The amended bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds since the bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to recognize organ procurement organization vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles, which is an activity performed in the normal course of agency business.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

# Amended by House Education and Public Works on April 24, 2018 State Expenditure

The amended bill adds organ procurement organization vehicles to the list of authorized emergency vehicles in Section 56-5-170(A). Organ procurement organization vehicles are defined as vehicles operated by organizations that perform or coordinate the procurement, preservation, and transport of organs and maintain systems for locating prospective recipients for available organs. This allows these vehicles to display blue or red lights, which includes light bars and smaller lights such as dash, deck, or visor lights. The amended bill also requires drivers of organ procurement vehicles to successfully complete a nationally accredited safety-driving course that is specific for emergency vehicles or includes training on the operation of emergency vehicles. Additionally, drivers of these vehicles must possess a valid driver's license and must maintain requisite motor vehicle insurance coverage.

DMV indicates that adding procurement organization vehicles to the current list of authorized emergency vehicles can be conducted in the normal course of agency business. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

#### **State Revenue**

This bill does not amend the license fees paid by organ procurement organization vehicles. These vehicles will continue to pay either the \$2 permanent license plate fee for state or political subdivision vehicles or the regular biennial fee, which is based upon the type and weight of the vehicle. Therefore, we anticipate no revenue impact for this legislation.

### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

#### **Local Revenue**

N/A

# Introduced on January 9, 2018

## **State Expenditure**

This bill adds organ procurement organization vehicles to the list of authorized emergency vehicles in Section 56-5-170(A). Organ procurement organization vehicles are defined as vehicles operated by organizations that perform or coordinate the procurement, preservation, and transport of organs and maintain systems for locating prospective recipients for available organs. This allows these vehicles to display blue or red lights, which includes light bars and smaller lights such as dash, deck, or visor lights.

DMV indicates that adding procurement organization vehicles to the current list of authorized emergency vehicles can be conducted in the normal course of agency business. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

#### **State Revenue**

Pursuant to Section 56-3-120, authorized emergency vehicles are exempt from registration and licensing requirements. However, this bill does not modify Section 56-3-20 to include organ procurement organization vehicles as emergency vehicles. For this analysis, we assume that organ procurement organization vehicles are currently paying either the \$2 permanent license plate fee for state or political subdivision vehicles or the regular biennial fee, which is based upon the type and weight of the vehicle. If the bill's intent is to exempt organ procurement vehicles from registration and licensing requirements, revenue allocated to the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund of DOT and the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank could be reduced.

**Local Expenditure** 

N/A

**Local Revenue** 

N/A

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