

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Freeman
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 21 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Bates

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Meeting Date: May 29, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: HB 2167 is a measure relating to the distribution of 9-1-1 taxes and is effective January 1, 2010. The measure modifies the statutory authority of the Military Department’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the reimbursement of its administrative costs from 9-1-1 Program revenues. The measure allows for administrative expenses to be reimbursed prospectively rather than retroactively as is the current practice. The measure allows the Department temporary authority to reimburse the preceding quarter’s administrative expense and at the same time draw funds for payment of the estimated current quarter’s administrative expenses.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent of measure and amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes “operative” date reference in section 2 and replaces with “effective” date.

BACKGROUND: Under the current statutory framework for the reimbursement of the Military Department’s Office of Emergency Management 9-1-1 administrative expenses, OEM must temporarily utilize for one quarter the cash balance of a non-9-1-1 account in order to meet its administrative expense obligations. This account is then retroactively reimbursed by 9-1-1 funds. This procedure is administratively inefficient and impacts the cash flow of non-9-1-1 activities of the Department.