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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Swalm Bill Status: House Local Government

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TITLE: CONCERNING A RESTRICTION ON FEES CHARGED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FOR COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH RESPONDING TO MOTOR

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 10, 2011, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2011, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits local governments from charging a fee for emergency response to motor vehicle accidents with exceptions for ambulance service and hazardous waste cleanup beginning December 31, 2011. Local governments include any authority, county, municipality, city and county, district, or other political subdivision of the state.

Local Government Impact

This bill will reduce revenue from accident fees charged by local governments but this amount can not be estimated.

Currently, a number of local governments charge accident response fees but total fee amounts assessed and recovered are not available. Data available for fire departments show that fees vary by the type of response, location of response and residency of the victims.

Departments Contacted

Local Affairs