



# STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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**SHORT TITLE:** DESIGNATE FUNERAL VEHICLES AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b> General Fund	Minimal workload increase. See State Expenditures section.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

## Summary of Legislation

This bill allows a privately owned vehicle to be designated by the Department of Revenue (DOR) as an authorized emergency vehicle for the limited purpose of escorting a funeral procession. Such designation, which must be issued in writing by the DOR, only applies while the vehicle is being used for this purpose.

## Background

Under current law, an authorized emergency vehicle is exempt from certain traffic regulations and is permitted to do the following:

- park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of Title 42 (regulation of vehicles and traffic);
- proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
- exceed the lawful speeds set for in statute, so long as the driver does not endanger life or property; and
- disregard regulations governing directions of movement or turning in specified directions.

Prior to January 2014, the DOR designated funeral escort vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles. This practice was discontinued after a review by the Attorney General's Office found that these vehicles did not have proper statutory authorization to be designated as such.

**State Expenditures**

Overall, this bill will increase workload by a minimal amount to issue secondary registrations and emergency vehicle stickers to funeral escort vehicles. No adjustments in appropriations are required to implement the bill's requirements.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties

Municipalities

Public Safety

Revenue