

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB2079

**Patron:** Thomas

**Bill Title:** Board of Pharmacy; membership; emergency medical services agencies authorized to obtain controlled substance registration.

**Bill Summary:** Adds a career fire/emergency medical services (EMS) member and a volunteer fire/EMS member to the Board of Pharmacy for a total of 12 members. In addition, the bill directs the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations authorizing EMS agencies and regional EMS councils to obtain a controlled substance registration. The authorization allows an EMS agency or regional EMS council to receive controlled substances in Schedules II through VI from a wholesale distributor, manufacturer, third-party logistics provider, warehouse, or pharmacy. The bill also directs the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations specifying a fire station with around the clock staffing is authorized to store controlled substances in a locked room with an access control device and camera monitoring system.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** n/a

**Explanation:** It is expected that any impacts can be handled within existing state resources, and there is no conflicting language in the proposed Appropriation Act.

**Fiscal Summary:** Any fiscal impacts are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The Board of Pharmacy may experience minimal cost impacts associated with promulgating regulations that would allow EMS agencies and regional councils to obtain controlled substance registrations, receive such substances, and monitor the storage of such substances. EMS agencies or regional councils may experience minimal cost impacts by participating in the activities allowable under these regulations, such as paying a standard fee to obtain a controlled substance regulation or installing additional camera monitoring systems. It is expected that the potential costs to the Board of Pharmacy, EMS agencies, and/or EMS councils can be handled using existing resources.

**Other:** HB 2079 is a companion bill to SB 1318.