Fiscal Services Division Legislative Services Agency Fiscal Note

SF 184 - Volunteer Fire Fighter Tax Credit (LSB 2461 SS) Analyst: Jeff Robinson (Phone: (515) 281-4614) (jeff.robinson@legis.state.ia.us) Fiscal Note Version - New

Description

Senate File 184 creates a \$250 annual income tax credit for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. The credit is refundable and is retroactive to January 1, 2005.

Assumptions

- 1. There are approximately 844 fire/EMS departments in Iowa.
- 2. The average number of firefighter/EMS personnel per department is 20.
- 3. Sixty-five percent of firefighter/EMS personnel are volunteers.
- 4. In a given year, 75.0% of volunteers would qualify for the full credit, and 25.0% would qualify for partial credit, averaging \$250.
- 5. Due to the implementation date, there will be no FY 2005 impact.
- 6. The FY 2006 impact will include all calendar year 2005 credits and 25.0% of calendar year 2006 credits.

Fiscal Impact

The tax credit created in SF 184 will reduce net General Fund revenue by \$2.9 million in FY 2006 and \$2.3 million in FY 2007 and subsequent fiscal years.

Sources

Department of Revenue Fire Service Training Bureau Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

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