

BILL SUMMARY
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| Bill No.: | HB2684 |
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| Request Number: | 5752 |
| Author: | Rep. Hays |
| Date: | 3/9/2023 |
| Impact: | No negative impact |

Research Analysis

HB 2684 modifies the name of the section of law as the Bernardo-Mills Law. The measure requires the operators of motor vehicles to lower their speed to at least ten miles per hour below the posted speed limit when approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, maintenance vehicle, or licensed wrecker. The measure provides that a person is to be guilty of the offense of endangerment of an emergency worker for violations of this provision. The measure creates a penalty for endangerment of an emergency worker punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for a first offense and \$2,500 for a second offense. The measure creates a penalty for aggravated endangerment of an emergency worker when the offense results in the injury or death of an emergency worker. The penalty is a fine of \$5,000 if the offense resulted in injury and \$10,000 if the offense resulted in the death of an emergency worker.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure would require that drivers reduce their speed in certain situations involving stationary emergency vehicles. Violations would result in fines of \$1000-\$10,000, however the frequency of such violations is not predictable and revenues generated cannot be quantified. Therefore, there is no anticipated negative impact to state budget or appropriations as a result of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.