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From: Mark Niederer [mailto:markniederer@yahoo.com]
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Subject: Proposed Legislation

SB-127 is a damaging piece of legislation that would increase the amount of money that you as an EMS provider, or your service, can pay as a result of a law suit. Currently municipal EMS services and EMTs affiliated with them are capped at \$50,000 and volunteer fire companies and their EMTs are capped at \$25,000. This bill, if passed, will increase those amounts to \$250,000! The bill will also remove the current 180 day filing limit and allow for a lawsuit to be filed after several years. Everyone must call their twostate legislators right away and tell them to vote NO on SB-127.

What is the reason behind this bill if you know. As an Ems provider I am against this legislation and as a taxpayer as well. The State keeps pushing more and more costs on local municipalities and this is another cost that will drive taxes up even more. At a time when public employees and private employees are taking pay cuts and struggling financially the state wants to change a law that will eventually increase the taxes on property owners. Our elected officials should be more worried about how we can cut the waste out the state budget than picking on employees who volunteer their time and put their lives on the line everyday and every call they answer. The state has gone backwards with regards to the ems division and it very disheartening. For the record I am opposed to this legislation and any associated fee with our semiannual EMT licenses. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you would stand with the professionals who protect the lives and property in and around the state 24 hours a day all year long.

Thank you,
Mark Niederer

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