

# Ohio Medical Transportation Board

- Consolidation within Public Safety by July 1, 2006

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## OVERVIEW

### Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Medical Transportation Board acts as the regulatory authority for all private, hospital-based, commercial ambulances, wheelchair vans (ambulettes), mobile intensive care units, medical helicopters, and fixed-wing medical aircraft operating within the state.

The Board has ten members (nine voting members and one nonvoting member), all of who are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members are not compensated, but are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Its staff includes three full-time employees and 24 contract field inspectors.

### Agency in Brief

The following table selectively summarizes Board appropriations and staffing information. Most notably, the enacted budget contains a temporary law provision that expresses the intent of the General Assembly to: (1) consolidate the Board within the Department of Public Safety not later than July 1, 2006, and (2) enact revised appropriations for FY 2007.

Board In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
3	\$388,450	\$0	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

\*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2005.

### Vetoed Provisions

The Board is not directly affected by any of the items contained in Am. Sub. H.B. 66 that were vetoed by the Governor.

## ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Ohio Medical Transportation Board is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

### Program Series 1

### Licensing/Registration/Enforcement

**Purpose:** To regulate the medical transportation profession.

The following table shows the lone line item that is used to fund the Board's licensing, registration, and enforcement activities, as well as the enacted funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>General Services Fund</b>				
4N1	915-601	Operating Expenses	\$388,450	\$0
<b>General Services Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$388,450</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Funding: Ohio Medical Transportation Board</b>			<b>\$388,450</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Program Description:** The Board is responsible for establishing minimum operating standards, requires annual licensing of all regulated organizations, requires an annual vehicle permit for each vehicle, and conducts physical inspections of locations and vehicles.

**Funding Sources:** (1) 2% of seat belt fine moneys, (2) annual licenses and permits for regulated medical transportation organizations and related vehicles, and (3) civil penalties.

**Implication of the Enacted Budget:** The enacted FY 2006 appropriation level appears to be sufficient for the Board to maintain current services, including the implementation of its new responsibilities pursuant to Am. Sub. H.B. 85 enacted by the 125th General Assembly. The absence of an enacted FY 2007 appropriation level reflects the intention of the General Assembly to consolidate the Board within the Department of Public Safety.

**Temporary Law: Consolidation of Regulatory Boards (Section 315.03).** The enacted budget contains a temporary law provision that: (1) expresses the intent of the General Assembly to consolidate the Board within the Department of Public Safety not later than July 1, 2006, (2) creates a transition team to develop a plan to ensure the smooth and timely transition of the Board into the Department, and (3) expresses the intent of the General Assembly to introduce a bill in FY 2006 that will include the necessary statutory changes to effect the consolidation and include revised appropriations for FY 2007.