

## **Municipalities—Accident Response Service Fee**

**HB 2119** prohibits a municipality from charging an accident response service fee to persons receiving emergency services inside or outside the municipality, except for the actual costs of providing emergency services in response to a motor vehicle accident. In the bill, the following terms are defined:

- “Accident response service fee” means any fee imposed for the response to or investigation of a motor vehicle accident, not including the usual and customary charges for providing ambulance and emergency services when immediate action is required.
- “Emergency services” includes the actual costs of police, fire, technical rescue situations, including but not limited to, vehicle extrication, trench rescue, high-angle rescue, confined-space rescue and swift-water rescue and emergency medical service personnel and equipment the municipality deems appropriate to address reasonably anticipated needs. An unknown number of injured persons and possible environmental and health threats involving hazardous material is included among these needs.
- “Municipality” means a city, county, township, fire district or any other political and taxing subdivision.

The bill also amends an existing statute requiring motor vehicles owned or leased by Kansas political subdivisions to bear the subdivision’s name, by adding exemptions for county or district attorney investigators to the statute’s list of exemptions.