

1 [Authorizing the collection and use of an additional penalty assessment on criminal fines,  
2 penalties, and forfeitures to support emergency medical services.]

3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Section 8.42**  
4 **and amending Section 10.100-195, to authorize the collection and use of an additional**  
5 **penalty assessment on criminal fines, penalties, and forfeitures to support emergency**  
6 **medical services pursuant to SB 1773, and setting an expiration date.**

7 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
8 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.  
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough-normal~~.

10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

11 Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding  
12 Section 8.42, to read as follows:

13 **SEC. 8.42. PENALTY ASSESSMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

14 (a) Pursuant to Government Code Section 76000.5, there is hereby established an additional  
15 penalty of two dollars (\$2.00) over that currently levied under Penal Code Section 1464 for every ten  
16 dollars (\$10.00) or fraction thereof upon every fine, penalty, or forfeiture imposed and collected by the  
17 courts for criminal offenses, including violations of the Vehicle Code or local ordinances adopted  
18 pursuant to the Vehicle Code, as authorized by Penal Code Sections 1464 and 1465, with the  
19 exceptions noted therein. The revenues from this assessment shall go to the Public Health Emergency  
20 Medical Services Fund established in Section 10.100-195 of this Code. Pursuant to Government Code  
21 Section 76000.5(b), these increased penalties shall not offset or reduce the funding of other programs  
22 from other sources, but shall result in increased funding to those programs.

23 (b) This section shall expire on January 1, 2009, unless the Legislature deletes or extends the  
24 expiration date for Government Code Section 76000.5 adopted as part of Chapter 841 of the Statutes of  
25 2006.

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2 Section 2. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by amending  
3 Section 10.100-195, to read as follows:

4 **SEC. 10.100-195. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND.**

5 (a) **Establishment of Fund.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 76104 and  
6 Resolution No. 713-92 of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco,  
7 the Public Health Emergency Medical Services Fund is established as a category six fund for  
8 the purpose of receiving money obtained from the penalty assessment provided in  
9 Government Code Section 76000. This fund shall also receive money obtained from the additional  
10 penalty assessment imposed under Section 8.42 and Government Code Section 76000.5.

11 (b) **Use of Fund.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 76104, the moneys in such  
12 fund, together with any interest earned thereon, shall be payable only for the purposes  
13 specified in Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797.98a) of Division 2.5 of the Health  
14 and Safety Code. The administration and use of the fund shall be consistent with the  
15 requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 1797.98a through 1797.98g now in effect or  
16 as hereafter amended. Up to, but no more than, 10 percent of the amount of the fund may be  
17 used for the costs of administering the fund.

18 Thereafter, (1) 58 percent of the money in the fund shall be used to reimburse claims  
19 from physicians for payment for emergency services provided by all physicians, except those  
20 physicians employed by county hospitals or district hospitals, in general acute care hospitals  
21 that provide basic or comprehensive emergency services up to the time the patient is  
22 stabilized, when such services would otherwise be uncompensated, (2) 25 percent of the  
23 money in the fund shall be distributed only to hospitals providing disproportionate trauma and  
24 emergency medical care services, and (3) 17 percent of the money in the fund shall be  
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1 distributed for other emergency medical services as determined by the Director of Public  
2 Health. Interest earned on the 83 percent portion of the fund to be used to reimburse claims  
3 shall be used for the same purpose. Interest earned on the 17 percent portion of the fund to  
4 be used for other emergency medical services shall be used for the same purpose. If, of the  
5 83 percent portion of the fund, money remains after reimbursing all appropriate and approved;  
6 claims for a disbursement period, that money shall only be used to reimburse claims in one or  
7 more future disbursement periods.

8 (c) **Exceptions to Fund Category.** Any expenditures in excess of \$5,000 for any one  
9 payee shall require the approval, by appropriation ordinance, of the Board of Supervisors.

10 (d) **Administration of Fund.** The Director of Public Health shall determine which  
11 claims shall be reimbursed by the fund and the appropriate amount of reimbursement,  
12 provided that no physicians shall be reimbursed greater than 50 percent of their losses in  
13 accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 1797.98c. Since it is anticipated that the  
14 fund will only be sufficient to reimburse a fraction of requests for reimbursement from  
15 physicians, the Director shall equitably prorate payments so that the amount of payments from  
16 the fund is based upon the magnitude of a physician's losses. The Controller shall be  
17 responsible for all other administrative duties with respect to the fund, including, but not  
18 limited to, establishing procedures and time schedules for the submission and processing of  
19 claims. The Controller shall report to the State Legislature on the implementation and status  
20 of the fund as required in Health and Safety Code Section 1797.98b. The Controller and  
21 Director of Public Health shall separately or jointly issue rules and regulations governing any  
22 matters relating to the fund and the reimbursement procedures and limitations, consistent with  
23 the requirements of Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.98a through 1797.98g. Before  
24 issuing or amending any regulations, these officers shall provide a 30-day public comment  
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1 period by providing published notice in an official newspaper of general circulation in the City  
2 of the intent to issue or amend the regulations. The Director of Public Health shall provide a  
3 quarterly report to the Budget Analyst of all expenditures made from this fund during the  
4 immediately preceding three months.

5 (e) Use and Administration of Funds Derived from Section 8.42. Pursuant to Health and  
6 Safety Code Section 1797.98a, as amended by Chapter 841 of the Statutes of 2006, and notwithstanding  
7 subsections (b) and (d) of this Section, the money deposited into the Fund pursuant to Section 8.42 of  
8 this Code and Section 76000.5 of the Government Code shall, after reimbursement of costs associated  
9 with administering the EMS Fund, which amount shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the money  
10 collected, be distributed as follows:

11 (1) Of the total amount collected, fifteen percent (15%), known as Richie's Fund, shall be to  
12 improve access to, and coordination of, pediatric trauma and emergency services in the City and  
13 County, with preference given for funding to be given to hospitals that specialize in services to  
14 children, and physicians and surgeons who provide emergency care for children; and,

15 (2) The balance of the remaining seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds collected shall be  
16 distributed as follows: Fifty-eight percent (58%) of the money in the fund shall be used to reimburse  
17 claims from physicians for payment for emergency services provided by all physicians, except those  
18 physicians employed by county hospitals or district hospitals, in general acute care hospitals that  
19 provide basic or comprehensive emergency services up to the time the patient is stabilized, when such  
20 services would otherwise be uncompensated, twenty-five percent (25%) of the money in the fund shall

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1 be distributed only to hospitals providing disproportionate trauma and emergency medical care  
2 services, and seventeen percent (17%) of the money in the fund shall be distributed for other emergency  
3 medical services as determined by the Director of Public Health.

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7 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
8 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

9 By:   
10 CECILIA T. MANGOBA  
11 Deputy City Attorney



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails

## Ordinance

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May 8, 2007 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell,  
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval  
Excused: 1 - McGoldrick

May 15, 2007 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was **FINALLY PASSED** on May 15, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



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Kay Gulbengay  
Interim Clerk of the Board

5/25/07

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Date Approved



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Mayor Gavin Newsom