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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to regulation by local governing authorities of ambulance services, emergency medical services, and aspects attendant to ambulance operation.

Present law authorizes every local governing authority to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by licensing, controlling, and regulating privately operated ambulance services, the furnishing of emergency medical services, and any and all aspects attendant to ambulance operations within the jurisdiction of the local governing authority.

Present law authorizes local governing authorities to regulate rates charged for ambulance services, in accordance with federal law relative to medical reimbursement, including emergency medical services. Proposed law adds provision providing that, if a local governing authority adopts a fee schedule setting forth reimbursement rates, that schedule shall be conclusively presumed to be the usual, customary, and reasonable charge in any dispute involving such reimbursement. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:4791.1(B)(2))