

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 783

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2626(F)(5) and to repeal R.S. 46:2626(F)(6), relative to
3 emergency ground ambulance service providers; to provide for maximum fees on
4 emergency ground ambulance service providers; to provide for the duties of the
5 Louisiana Department of Health in fee assessment; to repeal the requirement that the
6 department publish certain information regarding the fee assessment; and to provide
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 46:2626(F)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2626. Fees on emergency ground ambulance service providers; disposition of fees

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12 F. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the
13 department shall adopt and promulgate, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure
14 Act and in compliance with Article VII, Section 10.14 of the Constitution of
15 Louisiana, a fee to be imposed pursuant to Subsection A of this Section in
16 accordance with all of the following:

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18 (5) ~~Thereafter,~~After the initial year, the department shall assess each
19 emergency ground ambulance service provider a percentage fee, determined at the
20 discretion of the secretary subject to the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this
21 Subsection in collaboration and with the express and written mutual agreement of the
22 emergency ground ambulance service providers subject to the assessment and which

1 make up a minimum of sixty-five percent of all emergency ground ambulance
2 transports in the state of Louisiana. The maximum fee allowable pursuant to this
3 Section in any year, shall not exceed ~~three and one-half percent of the annual net~~
4 ~~operating revenue of the emergency ground ambulance service provider~~ the
5 percentage of net patient service revenues permitted by federal regulation pursuant
6 to 42 CFR 433.68 as determined by the department, as reported by the provider and
7 subject to audit for the previous fiscal year of the provider. The total amount of the
8 assessment shall be paid by the emergency ground ambulance service provider in
9 installments as prescribed by the secretary in conjunction with the agreement of
10 emergency ground ambulance service providers, and shall be due from the provider
11 within thirty days of the notification of the fee amount owed.

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13 Section 2. R.S. 46:2626(F)(6) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____