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HB 408 Reengrossed   2018 Regular Session   Jenkins

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 provides that if such rates are set by a local governing authority and the ambulance service has not entered a contract for alternative reimbursement, those rates shall be the minimum allowable charge under any health insurance policy issued by any insurer regulated by the La. Dept. of Insurance. Otherwise retains present law.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

    The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1.   Delete proposed provision that if a local governing authority adopts a fee schedule setting reimbursement rates, that schedule shall be presumed to be the usual, customary, and reasonable charge in any dispute involving such reimbursement.

2.   Add provision regarding rates charged for ambulance services that are set by a local governing authority being the minimum allowable charge under any health insurance policy.