

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 241

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Provides relative to regulation by local governing authorities of ambulance services

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4791.1(C), (D), and (E) and to enact R.S. 33:4791.1(F),  
3 relative to local government; to provide relative to the regulation by local governing  
4 authorities of ambulance services; to require local governing authorities and certain  
5 ambulance service providers to submit ground ambulance service rates to the  
6 Department of Insurance; to provide relative to the duties of the Department of  
7 Insurance, relative to such information; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:4791.1(C), (D), and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and  
10 R.S. 33:4791.1(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §4791.1. Regulation by local governing authorities of ambulance services,  
12 emergency medical services, and aspects attendant to ambulance operation

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14 C.(1)(a) Each municipality or other local governing authority that has  
15 established rates for ground ambulance services provided in its geographic service  
16 area as authorized by this Section or ambulance service provider designated or  
17 contracted to provide ambulance services on behalf of a local governing authority  
18 that has established rates for ground ambulance services provided in its geographic

1        service area shall submit rates to the Department of Insurance, in the form and  
2        manner prescribed by the department. The rates submitted shall be certified as  
3        accurate by the submitting local governing authority or ambulance service provider.

4                (b) The local governing authority or ambulance service provider shall notify  
5        the Department of Insurance of any changes to the established rates.

6                (2) The Department of Insurance shall establish and maintain a publicly  
7        accessible database for the rates on its website. An insurer may rely in good faith on  
8        the rates displayed on the website.

9                ~~C.D.~~ Cognizance is hereby taken of provisions in home rule charters of  
10       various parishes and municipalities which permit the regulation of ambulance  
11       services, the furnishing of emergency medical services, and any and all aspects  
12       attendant to ambulance operation within the jurisdiction of such parishes and  
13       municipalities. In connection with same, the provisions of this Section are hereby  
14       deemed and shall be interpreted and construed to be retroactive.

15               ~~D.E.~~ Any municipality or other local governing authority is authorized to  
16       carry out the provisions of this Section as acts of government on behalf of the state  
17       as sovereign and, to the extent the governing authority deems necessary or  
18       appropriate, is further authorized to displace competition and provide a monopoly  
19       public service. All immunity of the state of Louisiana from liability under antitrust  
20       law is hereby extended to any municipality or other governing authority acting  
21       within the scope of authority contained in this Section and, when so acting, a  
22       municipality or other local governing authority shall be presumed to be acting in  
23       furtherance of state policy.

24               ~~E.F.~~ Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize the regulation of  
25       ambulance services, emergency medical services, or ambulance operations which are  
26       located on the site of any manufacturing facility solely for use thereon.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the regulation by local governing authorities of ambulance services.

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. Provides 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 reimbursements.

Proposed law requires any local governing authority that has established rates for ground ambulance services or ambulance service provider designated or contracted to provide ambulance services on behalf of such a governing authority to submit the rates with a certification of accuracy to the Dept. of Insurance. Requires such local governing authorities to notify the department of any changes to the established rates.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Insurance to establish and maintain a publicly accessible database for ambulance service rates on its website. Authorizes insurers to rely in good faith on the information provided in the database.

(Amends R.S. 33:4791.1(C), (D), and (E); Adds R.S. 33:4791.1(F))