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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))