

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1268

Introduced by

Representatives Fegley, D. Anderson, Jones, J. Nelson

A BILL ~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-27-04.6 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~
~~relating to the authority of a quick response unit;~~ for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 10
of section 57-15-06.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to property tax levies for
emergency medical service; to provide for the distribution of state financial assistance for
emergency medical services; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

~~**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-27-04.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

~~**23-27-04.6. Quick response units.**~~

~~1. Department licensure as a quick response unit is not optional. The department's~~
~~standards under section 23-27-04 for the time when during which a quick response~~
~~unit's services must be available may not require twenty-four hour availability.~~

~~2. A quick response unit may not transport a patient, except:~~

~~a. For the purpose of intercepting an ambulance service if the quick response unit is~~
~~staffed with a driver and two emergency medical responders; or~~

~~b. As authorized by rule.~~

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 10 of section 57-15-06.7 of the North Dakota
Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10. A county levying a tax for county emergency medical service according to section
57-15-50 may levy a tax not exceeding ~~ten~~ fifteen mills.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUNDING DISTRIBUTION.

Notwithstanding section 23-46-04, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending
June 30, 2021, the state department of health shall provide state financial assistance annually

1 to each eligible emergency medical services operation pursuant to the following formula
2 calculation:

- 3 1. The budget for each operation must be determined by adding the amount of \$60,000
4 to the product of the operation's average number of runs for the two most recent fiscal
5 years multiplied by \$1,100.
- 6 2. The operation's grant amount must be determined by deducting the following amounts
7 from the operation's budget calculated under subsection 1 of this section:
 - 8 a. The product of the operation's average number of runs for the two most recent
9 fiscal years multiplied by \$850; and
 - 10 b. The product of the property tax valuation of the operations service area for the
11 most recent taxable year multiplied by 5 mills.
- 12 3. The department shall distribute a prorated share of the operation's calculated grant
13 amount if legislative appropriations for state financial assistance for emergency
14 medical services is not sufficient to provide full grant funding calculated under this
15 section.
- 16 4. An operation is not eligible to receive funding under this section if the operation's
17 average number of runs for the two most recent fiscal years is more than 700 or if the
18 operation is not registered with the secretary of state.

19 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

20 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** Section 2 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.