

HOUSE BILL NO. 1394

Introduced by

Representatives Heinert, Bosch, Hauck, Karls, Meier, Porter

Senators Axtman, Cleary, Roers

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-27-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the licensing of emergency medical services operations.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-27-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **23-27-01. License required - Licensing of emergency medical services operations -**
7 **Exception - Waiver.**

- 8 1. The department of health and human services shall license emergency medical
9 services operations and may designate their service areas. The department shall limit
10 the issuance of a license for any new emergency medical services operation based on
11 the needs of the service area. A license for an emergency medical services operation
12 is ~~nontransferable~~transferable upon approval of the department.
- 13 2. Emergency medical services may not be advertised, offered, or provided to the public
14 except by an emergency medical services operator that provides the emergency
15 medical services through emergency medical services personnel.
- 16 3. Except as otherwise provided under subsection 4, an emergency medical services
17 operator must be separately licensed for each of the operator's emergency medical
18 services operations and an operation that is headquartered from a separate location
19 must be considered a separate operation. Under this subsection, an operation with a
20 single headquarters site may dispatch vehicles and emergency medical services
21 personnel from more than one location if calls requesting services are received and
22 orders for vehicle dispatch are made at the single headquarters site.

- 1 4. Notwithstanding subsection 3, an operator of an emergency medical services
2 operation may operate one or more substation ambulance services operations under a
3 single license if:
- 4 a. The substation ambulance services operation was licensed before December 31,
5 2024, and remains continuously licensed;
- 6 b. The headquarters ambulance services operation is not a substation ambulance
7 services operation of another emergency medical services operation;
- 8 **b.c.** The substation ambulance services operation area borders the headquarters
9 ambulance services operation area or borders another substation of the
10 headquarters ambulance services operation;
- 11 **e.d.** The headquarters ambulance services operation and the substation ambulance
12 services operation are dispatched by the same entity; and
- 13 **d.e.** The operator of the emergency medical services operation pays a license fee for
14 each of its substation ambulance services operations.
- 15 5. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to an operator from another state which is
16 headquartered at a location outside of this state and transports patients across state
17 lines, but the operator may not treat patients within this state or pick up patients within
18 this state for transportation to locations within this state, except as provided by rule.
- 19 6. The department of health and human services shall adopt rules for special licenses
20 and waiver provisions for an operator of an emergency medical services operation
21 intended for industrial sites not available to the general public.