

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 783

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

HEALTH SERVICES: Provides for the maximum amount of fees assessed on emergency ground ambulance service providers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2626(F)(5) and to repeal R.S. 46:2626(F)(6), relative to
3 emergency ground ambulance service providers; to provide for maximum fees on
4 emergency ground ambulance service providers; to provide for the duties of the
5 Louisiana Department of Health in fee assessment; to repeal the requirement that the
6 department publish certain information regarding the fee assessment; and to provide
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 46:2626(F)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2626. Fees on emergency ground ambulance service providers; disposition of fees

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12 F. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the
13 department shall adopt and promulgate, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure
14 Act and in compliance with Article VII, Section 10.14 of the Constitution of
15 Louisiana, a fee to be imposed pursuant to Subsection A of this Section in
16 accordance with all of the following:

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18 (5) ~~Thereafter,~~After the initial year, the department shall assess each
19 emergency ground ambulance service provider a percentage fee, determined at the
20 discretion of the secretary subject to the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this

1 Subsection in collaboration and with the express and written mutual agreement of the
 2 emergency ground ambulance service providers subject to the assessment and which
 3 make up a minimum of sixty-five percent of all emergency ground ambulance
 4 transports in the state of Louisiana. The maximum fee allowable pursuant to this
 5 Section in any year, shall not exceed ~~three and one-half percent~~ the federal maximum
 6 allowable for the year in which the fee is proposed, of the annual net operating
 7 revenue of the emergency ground ambulance service provider as reported by the
 8 provider and subject to audit for the previous fiscal year of the provider. The total
 9 amount of the assessment shall be paid by the emergency ground ambulance service
 10 provider in installments as prescribed by the secretary in conjunction with the
 11 agreement of emergency ground ambulance service providers, and shall be due from
 12 the provider within thirty days of the notification of the fee amount owed.

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14 Section 2. R.S. 46:2626(F)(6) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the maximum amount of fees assessed to emergency ground ambulance service providers shall not exceed the federal maximum allowable for the year.

Present law provides that the La. Dept. of Health shall assess each emergency ground service provider a percentage fee.

Present law provides that the maximum fee allowable in any year shall not exceed three and one-half percent of the annual net operating revenue of the emergency ground ambulance service provider.

Proposed law provides that the maximum fee allowable in any year shall not exceed the federal maximum allowable for the year in which the fee is proposed.

Present law requires the La. Dept. of Health to publish in the official state journal the total amount of the fee assessment and the corresponding applicable percentage of net operating revenue that will be applied to assess the emergency ground service providers. Proposed law repeals this requirement.

(Amends R.S. 46:2626(F)(5); Repeals R.S. 46:2626(F)(6))