

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 718

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to ambulance service districts;  
8 designating licensed ambulance services as essential  
9 service; requiring county governing body to ensure  
10 availability of ambulance service; designating board  
11 of directors as agency with authority for certain  
12 purpose; requiring county to appropriate certain  
13 revenues; deeming certain counties as in compliance  
14 with certain requirement; prohibiting certain  
15 municipalities from providing ambulance service  
16 without certain contract; providing for codification;  
17 and declaring an emergency.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1222 of Title 19, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. An Oklahoma licensed ambulance service is hereby designated  
23 as an essential service in this state.

24 B. Each county governing body in this state shall ensure that  
at least one licensed ambulance service is available within the  
county. If the county is a public ambulance service district  
organized under the Ambulance Service Districts Act, the board of

1 directors of the district is designated as the agency with authority  
2 to ensure ambulance services.

3 C. A county shall appropriate county revenues for ambulance  
4 service if the service cannot be provided by any other means.  
5 Counties that are currently established as a public ambulance  
6 service district shall be deemed to have met this requirement.

7 D. A municipality may not provide, maintain, license,  
8 franchise, or contract for ambulance service within the boundaries  
9 of a county that has established a public ambulance service  
10 district, without a contract with the board of directors of the  
11 district.

12 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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