

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 892

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to emergency medical services; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2515, which relates to regulation and control of ambulance service transports; broadening certain provisions to cover wheelchair transports; mandating sole-provider system for ambulance service districts; prohibiting certain operations without certain authorization; providing for civil relief; providing certain construction; adding condition to certain exception; updating statutory language; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2515, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2515. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, ~~Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regions~~ emergency medical service (EMS) regions, ~~Ambulance Service~~ ambulance service districts ~~or,~~ and municipalities are hereby authorized to regulate and control, pursuant to duly enacted ordinance or regulation, ~~Ambulance Service~~ ambulance service transports originating within the

1 jurisdiction of such EMS ~~Regions~~ regions, ~~Ambulance Service~~
2 ambulance service districts, or municipalities.

3 B. Any ordinance or regulation adopted pursuant to subsection A
4 of this section shall meet and may exceed, but shall not be in
5 contravention of, the standards promulgated by the State ~~Board~~
6 Commissioner of Health for ~~Ambulance Service~~ ambulance service
7 transports.

8 C. 1. Any ordinance or regulation adopted by an EMS ~~Region,~~
9 ~~Ambulance Service district~~ region or a municipality may establish a
10 sole-provider system for wheelchair, ~~stretcher van and/or Ambulance~~
11 ~~Service,~~ or ambulance service transports, or a combination thereof;
12 provided, however, any such designated or contracted sole-provider
13 which is not an EMS ~~Region, Ambulance Service district~~ region,
14 municipality, or other public entity shall be selected by
15 competitive bidding.

16 2. A contract entered into pursuant to such bidding shall be
17 with the lowest and best bidder and may be for an initial term of
18 such duration as deemed operationally and fiscally prudent by the
19 contracting agency. The term of such sole-provider contract shall
20 be made public at the time bids are solicited, which solicitation
21 shall be not less than sixty (60) days prior to the contract start
22 date.

23 D. Any EMS ~~Region, Ambulance Service district~~ region or
24 municipality may establish a sole-provider system for wheelchair,

1 ~~stretcher van and/or Ambulance Service,~~ or ambulance service
2 transports, or a combination thereof, and may allow additional
3 geographic or political subdivisions to join such a system at any
4 time. Whenever such a geographic or political subdivision joins
5 such a sole-provider system, competitive bidding shall not be
6 required and provision for servicing the new jurisdiction may be
7 accomplished by amending the existing sole-provider contract.
8 Furthermore, in the event the expansion of the service area of the
9 ~~EMS Region, Ambulance Service district~~ region or the municipality is
10 substantial (in the sole opinion of the governing body of the EMS
11 ~~Region region, Ambulance Service~~ ambulance service district or
12 municipality), the existing sole-provider contract may be extended
13 for a period sufficient to allow reasonable opportunity for recovery
14 of capital costs of expansion, as determined by the contracting
15 agency.

16 E. 1. All ambulance service districts shall be sole-provider
17 systems for all emergency and nonemergency wheelchair, stretcher
18 van, and ambulance service transports within their geographical
19 boundaries. No ambulance service provider or other provider of such
20 transports shall operate within the ambulance service district
21 without the prior written authorization of the ambulance service
22 district, and licensure of the provider by the State Department of
23 Health to provide such transports within the ambulance service
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1 district shall be contingent upon obtainment of such prior written
2 authorization.

3 2. An ambulance service district may petition the district
4 court for relief when a provider violates the provisions of
5 paragraph 1 of this subsection and the court shall award any
6 appropriate relief including, but not limited to, injunctive relief,
7 compensatory damages, punitive damages, and reasonable attorney
8 fees.

9 F. The provisions of this section shall not be construed or
10 applied to limit:

11 1. Limit the operation of any emergency medical service
12 district established and operating pursuant to Section 9C of Article
13 ~~10~~ X of the Oklahoma Constitution; provided, however, that, upon
14 invitation and approval of a majority of the voters of the district,
15 any such district is hereby authorized to join by appropriate
16 agreement any system established by an EMS ~~Region~~ region, ~~Ambulance~~
17 ~~Service~~ ambulance service district, or a municipality pursuant to
18 the provisions of this section; or

19 2. Prohibit a hospital, medical facility, or long-term care
20 facility from entering into a contract with an ambulance service
21 district to provide transports within the ambulance service district
22 as stipulated in the contract and subject to the prior written
23 authorization required by subsection E of this section.

1 F. G. The following types of patient transports shall be exempt
2 from regulation by EMS ~~Regions~~ regions, ~~Ambulance Service~~ ambulance
3 service districts, or municipalities:

4 1. Any ambulance owned or operated by, or under contract to
5 perform ambulance transport services for, the ~~Federal~~ federal or
6 ~~State~~ state government, or any agency thereof;

7 2. Any ambulance owned and operated by a hospital and in use to
8 transport a patient of the owner-hospital, which patient has been
9 admitted to and not been discharged from the owner-hospital, to or
10 from another hospital or medical care facility at which the patient
11 receives a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure not available at the
12 owner-hospital, provided that the patient is not discharged from the
13 care of the owner-hospital at any point during transport or while
14 the patient is at the other hospital or medical facility;

15 3. ~~Any ambulance engaged in a routine transport call to~~
16 ~~transport a patient from a hospital, nursing home, or dialysis~~
17 ~~center located within an EMS Region, Ambulance Service district or~~
18 ~~municipality to any location outside the EMS Region, Ambulance~~
19 ~~Service district or municipality;~~

20 4. Any ambulance engaged in the transport of a patient from a
21 location outside an EMS ~~Region~~ region, ~~Ambulance Service~~ ambulance
22 service district, or municipality to a location inside an EMS ~~Region~~
23 region, ~~Ambulance Service~~ ambulance service district, or
24 municipality; or

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~~5.~~ 4. Any ambulance engaged in the interstate transport of a patient.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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