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## **S.F. No. 3886 – Establishing Emergency Ambulance Service Onetime Aid (as proposed to be amended by A13)**

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**SF 3886 (as proposed to be amended by A13)** establishes a onetime aid program for licensed ambulance service providers.

### **Section 1—Emergency Ambulance Service Aid**

**Subdivision 1. Definitions.** Defines the following terms: ambulance service, board, capital expenses, commissioner, EMS responses, licensed ambulance service provider, metropolitan county, multiple license holder, nonexcluded license, operational expenses, primary service area, response density, and unit of government.

**Subdivision 2. Excluded services.** Requires the commissioner to exclude responses by specialized life support when calculating EMS responses, response density, and aid payments under this section.

**Subdivision 3. Certain multiple license holders excluded.** Excludes from aid eligibility all licenses held by a multiple license holder if any license held by the multiple license holder serves a primary service area with any portion located within Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, St. Cloud, or a metropolitan county. For a multiple license holder who meets specific criteria, excludes only the license located entirely within one or more metropolitan counties from aid.

**Subdivision 4. Eligibility.** Provides that a licensed ambulance service provider is eligible for aid if the provider possessed a license in 2022, continues to operate under license in 2024, and completes the application requirements under subdivision 5.

**Subdivision 5. Application process.** Authorizes the commissioner of revenue to establish an application process for eligible licensed ambulance service providers to apply for aid and to require applicants to submit any necessary information to calculate aid payments.

Applicants must submit applications to the commissioner and provide a copy of the application to the executive director of the Emergency Medical Services Review Board by September 16, 2024. Requires that the executive director of the Emergency Medical Services Review Board certify data to the commissioner by September 20, 2024.

**Subdivision 6. Commissioner calculations.** Requires the commissioner to calculate the following aid amounts:

- 20 percent of the aid appropriation, distributed equally among all eligible licensed ambulance service providers who possess at least one nonexcluded license. Disqualifies eligible providers who possess only one nonexcluded license if the nonexcluded license has a response density greater than 30.
- 40 percent of the aid appropriation, distributed among all nonexcluded licenses proportionally to the size of their primary service areas. Requires a nonexcluded license to have a response density of 30 or less to qualify for this aid.
- 40 percent of the aid appropriation, distributed among all nonexcluded licenses proportionally to points awarded to each nonexcluded license based on number of EMS responses. Requires a nonexcluded license to have a response density of 30 or less to qualify for this aid.

**Subdivision 7. Aid amount.** Requires the commissioner to pay each eligible licensed ambulance service provider an aid amount equal to the sum of the amounts calculated under subdivision 6 for each nonexcluded license.

**Subdivision 8. Eligible uses.** Requires aid to be spent on operational and capital expenses incurred providing services within the primary service area that is located in Minnesota.

**Subdivision 9. Administration.** Requires the commissioner to certify aid amounts by December 1, 2024, and to make full aid payments by December 26, 2024. Funds not spent or encumbered for eligible uses by December 31, 2025, must be returned to the commissioner and cancel to the general fund.

**Subdivision 10. Report.** Requires each provider that received aid to submit a report by February 15, 2026, to the commissioner and to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over taxes and property taxes. Specifies required items in the report. Authorizes the executive director of the Emergency Medical Services Review Board to request necessary information to verify aid was spent on eligible uses.

**Subdivision 11. Appropriation.** Appropriates \$24,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 to the commissioner from the general fund for aid payments under this section. Allows the commissioner to retain up to \$60,000 for administrative costs. Onetime appropriation.

This section is effective for aids payable in 2024.