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S.F. No. 3886 – Establishing Emergency Ambulance Service Onetime Aid

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SF 3886 establishes a onetime aid program for licensed ambulance service providers administered by the commissioner of revenue in coordination with the Executive Director of the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.

Section 1—Emergency Ambulance Service Aid

Subdivision 1. Definitions. Defines the following terms: commissioner, license, EMSRB, primary service area.

Subdivision 2. Eligibility. Provides that a licensed ambulance service provider is eligible for aid if the provider possessed a license in calendar year 2022, continues to operate under license in 2024, and completes the application requirements described under subdivision 3.

Subdivision 3. Application process. Authorizes the commissioner to establish an application process for eligible licensed service providers to apply for aid and to require applicants to submit any necessary information to calculate aid payments.

Subdivision 4. Commissioner calculations. Requires that the commissioner subtract from an applicant's net revenue the sum of: (1) the product of \$34 times the applicant's total volunteer hours reported; and (2) the applicant's total operating expenses; and (3) the applicant's total capital expenses. The commissioner shall use financial data from calendar year 2022 to make the required calculations.

Subdivision 5. Aid amount. Sets the aid amount for an eligible ambulance service provider as the amount calculated under subdivision four.

Subdivision 6. Eligible uses. Requires recipients to spend aid on expenses incurred in the provision of licensed ambulance services within the recipient's primary service area.

Subdivision 7. Payment date. Requires the commissioner to certify the aid amount for each licensed ambulance service provider with the executive director of the EMSRB and to make the full aid payment by December 31, 2024.

Subdivision 8. Report. Requires that each licensed ambulance service provider that receives aid under this section submit a report to the commissioner of revenue by December 31, 2025.

Subdivision 9. Appropriation. Appropriates \$120,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue. Authorizes the commissioner of revenue to retain up to \$1,000,000 for administrative costs and to transfer funds to the EMSRB.

This section is effective July 1, 2024.