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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2836

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

03/21/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to emergency medical services; establishing an interstate highway
1.3 emergency response reimbursement pilot program; requiring a report;
1.4 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.5 chapter 144E.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. **[144E.51] INTERSTATE HIGHWAY EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
1.8 **REIMBURSEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Established.** The board shall establish and administer a pilot
1.10 program to reimburse an eligible ambulance service for unrecovered costs resulting from
1.11 providing emergency services to persons on interstate highways in the state.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** In order to be eligible for reimbursement under this program,
1.13 the ambulance service must meet the following criteria:

1.14 (1) be a licensed ambulance service with the majority of its personnel being
1.15 volunteer ambulance attendants, as defined in section 144E.001, subdivision 15;

1.16 (2) be located in Washington County;

1.17 (3) have an interstate highway that runs through its primary service area;

1.18 (4) serve a primary service area immediately adjacent to Wisconsin; and

1.19 (5) submit evidence to the board on a quarterly basis demonstrating that it (i)

1.20 provided emergency services to an out-of-state resident on an interstate highway, issued

1.21 the patient a claim for such service, and was unable to collect on the debt, or (ii) provided

1.22 emergency services on an interstate highway to an unidentified patient and was unable to

1.23 collect on the debt.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Reimbursement.** Upon receipt of a request for reimbursement from
2.2 an eligible ambulance service pursuant to subdivision 2, the board may determine the
2.3 percentage of eligible claims to be reimbursed based on available funding.

2.4 Sec. 2. **INTERSTATE HIGHWAY EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
2.5 **REIMBURSEMENT PILOT PROGRAM REPORT.**

2.6 By January 15, 2013, the emergency medical services regulatory board and the
2.7 Minnesota Ambulance Association must report to the governor and to the legislature the
2.8 impediments to collection of uncompensated emergency care provided by Minnesota
2.9 ambulance services provided to nonresidents. The report must be based on information
2.10 gathered by an ambulance service participating in the pilot program, established under
2.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.51, and must consider data submitted by other
2.12 ambulance services in the state that have an interstate highway within their primary
2.13 service area and experience significant uncompensated care originating from nonresidents.
2.14 The report must include options for addressing future collection of unpaid charges
2.15 generated by nonresidents.

2.16 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.17 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2013 to the Emergency
2.18 Medical Services Regulatory Board for the interstate highway emergency response
2.19 reimbursement pilot program, established under Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.51. Of
2.20 this appropriation, \$..... is for the board to administer the pilot program. Funds are
2.21 available until expended.

2.22 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.23 Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 1, 2012.