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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2916

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring hospitals to provide patients with information regarding
1.3 costs of transportation via an air ambulance service; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2018, sections 62J.823, by adding a subdivision; 144E.121, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 62J.823, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. Air ambulance costs. (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "emergency medical
1.9 condition" has the meaning given in United States Code, title 42, section 1395dd(e)(1).

1.10 (b) All hospitals must establish a protocol providing that, before a health care provider
1.11 arranges for transportation by air ambulance service of a hospital patient who does not have
1.12 an emergency medical condition, the hospital must provide the patient or the patient's
1.13 representative with a written notice that the patient:

1.14 (1) may have a choice of being transported by air ambulance or by medically appropriate
1.15 ground transportation;

1.16 (2) may be responsible for some or all of the charges for transportation via air ambulance;
1.17 and

1.18 (3) may request from the hospital the current rate schedule for the air ambulance service.

1.19 (c) Upon request by a patient or patient's representative, a hospital must provide the
1.20 patient or patient's representative with the current rate schedule for the air ambulance service
1.21 that the patient's health care provider proposes to use to transport the patient.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144E.121, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 4. **Provision of rate schedule.** An air ambulance service must, on an ongoing
2.4 basis, provide hospitals served by the air ambulance service and the board with the air
2.5 ambulance service's current rate schedule, including the highest base rate charged for a
2.6 patient transport and the highest mileage rate charged for a patient transport. The board
2.7 must compile the rate schedules provided by air ambulance services under this subdivision
2.8 and must make this information available to the public in a format that is accessible and
2.9 easy for members of the public to understand.