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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5053

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to emergency medical services; modifying reimbursement for volunteer
1.3 education costs; authorizing carryforward of certain appropriations; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144E.35.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 144E.35, is amended to read:

1.7 144E.35 REIMBURSEMENT TO AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR VOLUNTEER
1.8 EDUCATION COSTS.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Repayment for volunteer education. (a) A licensed ambulance service,
1.10 medical response unit, or specialized medical response unit shall be reimbursed by the board
1.11 for the necessary expense of the initial education, continuing education, or both, of:

1.12 (1) a volunteer ambulance attendant upon successful completion by the attendant of an
1.13 EMT education course, or a continuing education course for EMT care, or both, which has
1.14 been approved by the board, pursuant to section 144E.285.; or

1.15 (2) an emergency medical responder or emergency medical technician:

1.16 (i) who is affiliated with a medical response unit or specialized medical response unit;
1.17 and

1.18 (ii) whose income for serving as an emergency medical responder or emergency medical
1.19 technician does not exceed the limit in section 144E.001, subdivision 15.

1.20 (b) The board shall provide reimbursement under this section upon successful completion
1.21 by the attendant, emergency medical responder, or emergency medical technician of an
1.22 initial or continuing education course for emergency medical services care approved by the

2.1 board according to section 144E.27 or 144E.285. Reimbursement may include tuition,
2.2 transportation, food, lodging, hourly payment for the time spent in the education course,
2.3 and other necessary expenditures, except that in no instance shall a volunteer ambulance
2.4 attendant, emergency medical responder, or emergency medical technician meeting the
2.5 requirements of this subdivision be reimbursed more than \$900 for successful completion
2.6 of an initial education course, and \$375 for successful completion of a continuing education
2.7 course.

2.8 ~~Subd. 2. **Reimbursement provisions.** Reimbursement must be paid under provisions~~
2.9 ~~of this section when documentation is provided to the board that the individual has served~~
2.10 ~~for one year from the date of the final certification exam as an active member of a Minnesota~~
2.11 ~~licensed ambulance service.~~

2.12 Subd. 3. **Carryforward.** Notwithstanding section 16A.28, any unspent portion of the
2.13 appropriation for reimbursement for volunteer education costs under this section shall not
2.14 cancel but shall carry forward and be used in the following fiscal year for purposes of section
2.15 144E.50. The board shall not retain any portion of the appropriation carried forward for
2.16 administrative costs.

2.17 Subd. 4. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, "medical response unit" and
2.18 "specialized medical response unit" have the meanings given to those terms in section
2.19 144E.275, subdivision 1.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 3 is effective June 30, 2024, and applies to money
2.21 appropriated in fiscal year 2024 or a subsequent fiscal year.