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By Representatives Ryu and Parker

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1 AN ACT Relating to air rescue or evacuation services; and amending  
2 RCW 48.01.280.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.01.280 and 2006 c 61 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A private air ambulance service that solicits membership  
7 subscriptions, accepts membership applications, charges membership  
8 fees, and provides air ambulance services, to subscription members and  
9 designated members of their household is not an insurer under RCW  
10 48.01.050, a health carrier under chapter 48.43 RCW, a health care  
11 services contractor under chapter 48.44 RCW, or a health maintenance  
12 organization under chapter 48.46 RCW if the private air ambulance  
13 service:

14 ~~((1))~~ (a) Is licensed in accordance with RCW 18.73.130;

15 ~~((2))~~ (b) Attains and maintains accreditation by the commission  
16 on accreditation of medical transport services or another accrediting  
17 organization approved by the department of health as having equivalent  
18 requirements as the commission for aeromedical transport;

1        ~~((3))~~ (c) Has been in operation in Washington for at least two  
2 years; and

3        ~~((4))~~ (d) Has submitted evidence of its compliance with this  
4 section, the licensing requirements of RCW 18.73.130, and accreditation  
5 from the commission or another accrediting organization approved by the  
6 department of health as having equivalent requirements as the  
7 commission for aeromedical transport to the commissioner.

8        (2) A subscription service that solicits membership subscriptions,  
9 charges membership fees, and provides rescue, evacuation, emergency  
10 transport, and crisis management and consulting services related to an  
11 emergency, to its members or designated members of a member's household  
12 is not an insurer under RCW 48.01.050, a health carrier under chapter  
13 48.43 RCW, a health care services contractor under chapter 48.44 RCW,  
14 or a health maintenance organization under chapter 48.46 RCW. Rescue,  
15 evacuation, emergency transport, and crisis management and consulting  
16 services related to an emergency, include the following:

17        (a) Providing rescue, evacuation, and emergency transport and  
18 crisis management services related to the emergency;

19        (b) Locator services for medical and legal professionals;

20        (c) Visa and passport services;

21        (d) Emergency message services;

22        (e) Emergency-related travel and emergency-related services and  
23 information;

24        (f) Transport of human remains; and

25        (g) Other services established by rule of the commissioner.

26        (3) A subscription service that provides rescue, evacuation,  
27 emergency transport, and crisis management and consulting services  
28 related to an emergency as described in subsection (2) of this section  
29 must satisfy, or contract with a service provider which satisfies, the  
30 licensing requirements, if any, of the jurisdiction in which the  
31 services are provided. The requirements of subsection (1) of this  
32 section must be satisfied when providing air ambulance services within  
33 the state of Washington.

34        (4) It is not required that a subscription service under subsection  
35 (1) or (2) of this section own the vehicles, planes, helicopters, other  
36 aircraft, maritime vessels, or other means of transportation that will

1 be used to provide the contracted services.

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