
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6021

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By Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Fain, Shin, and Roach)

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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 while traveling more than one hundred miles away from home,
12 to its members or designated members of a member's household is not an
13 insurer under RCW 48.01.050, a health carrier under chapter 48.43 RCW,
14 a health care services contractor under chapter 48.44 RCW, or a health
15 maintenance organization under chapter 48.46 RCW. Rescue, evacuation,
16 emergency transport, and crisis management and consulting services
17 related to an emergency, include the following:

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

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

21 (c) Visa and passport services;

22 (d) Emergency message services;

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

25 (f) Transport of human remains; and

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

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

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

1 aircraft, maritime vessels, or other means of transportation that will
2 be used to provide the contracted services.

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