
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2278

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1 AN ACT Relating to interlocal agreements for ambulance services
2 between fire protection districts and contiguous cities; and amending
3 RCW 52.12.135.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.12.135 and 2003 c 209 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 ((~~1~~)) A ((~~rural~~)) fire protection district organized under this
8 title may enter into a contract pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW with a
9 contiguous city for the furnishing by the city to the fire protection
10 district or districts of emergency medical services in the form of
11 ambulance services, provided that the contract may not provide for the
12 establishment of any ambulance service that would compete with any
13 existing, private ambulance service. The fire protection district or
14 districts may impose a monthly utility service charge on each developed
15 residential property located in the portion of the fire protection
16 district or districts served pursuant to the contract in an amount
17 equal to the amount imposed by the city on similar city developed
18 residential property. Developed residential property includes single-
19 family residences, apartments, manufactured homes, mobile homes, and

1 trailers available for occupancy for a continuous period greater than
2 thirty days. A fire protection district or districts may contract with
3 the contiguous city or with any other governmental entity pursuant to
4 chapter 39.34 RCW for the billing and collection services related to
5 the monthly utility service charge for ambulance service. A city
6 providing ambulance services to a fire protection district or districts
7 under a contract entered into pursuant to this subsection may charge
8 individuals actually using the ambulance services reasonable rates and
9 charges for the ambulance services.

10 ~~((2) For purposes of this section, "rural" means a population~~
11 ~~density within the fire protection district or districts as a whole of~~
12 ~~ten or fewer persons per square mile.))~~ Prior to entering into a
13 contract for the furnishing of emergency medical services as authorized
14 by this section, the commissioners of the fire protection district or
15 districts and the legislative authority of the city must, separately or
16 jointly, hold a public hearing on the proposed contract prior to its
17 execution. Each fire protection district and city holding a public
18 hearing in accordance with this section must, separately or jointly,
19 publish notice of the meeting or meetings, and a summary of the
20 proposed contract, including costs to be borne by residents or property
21 owners in the district if the contract is executed, at least once a
22 week for two weeks before the date of the hearing or hearings in one or
23 more newspapers of general circulation within the area to be served by
24 the proposed contract.

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