

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2203

BY: ISAAC of the HOUSE

and

HERBERT of the SENATE

(PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - AMENDING 63 O.S.
1991, SECTION 1-2515 - OKLAHOMA EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES ACT -
EMERGENCY)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2515, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2515. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, either Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regions or municipalities are hereby authorized to regulate and control, pursuant to duly enacted ordinance or regulation, Ambulance Service transports originating within the jurisdiction of such EMS Regions or municipalities.

B. Any ordinance or regulation adopted pursuant to subsection A of this section shall meet and may exceed, but shall not be in contravention of, the standards promulgated by the State Board for Ambulance Service transports.

C. Any ordinance or regulation adopted by an EMS Region or a municipality may establish a sole-provider system for Ambulance Service transports; ~~provided, however, that any.~~ Any such designated or contracted sole-provider which is not an EMS Region, municipality, or other public entity shall be selected by

competitive bidding. A contract entered into pursuant to said bidding shall be with the lowest and best bidder and may be for an initial term of such duration as deemed operationally and fiscally prudent by the contracting agency. The term of such sole-provider contract shall be made public at the time bids are solicited, ~~which solicitation shall be not less than one (1) year prior to the contract start date.~~ Bids for the initial contract to provide ambulance service may be solicited upon the approval of the establishment of a sole source provider ordinance. Subsequent bids for contracts shall be solicited not less than one (1) year prior to the contracted start date.

D. Any EMS Region or municipality may establish a sole-provider system for Ambulance Service transports and may allow additional geographic or political subdivisions to join such a system at any time. Whenever such a geographic or political subdivision joins such a sole-provider system, competitive bidding shall not be required and provision for servicing the new jurisdiction may be accomplished by amending the existing sole-provider contract. Furthermore, in the event the expansion of the service area of the EMS Region or the municipality is substantial (in the sole opinion of the governing body of the EMS Region or municipality), the existing sole-provider contract may be extended for a period sufficient to allow reasonable opportunity for recovery of capital costs of expansion, as determined by the contracting agency.

E. The provisions of this section shall not be construed or applied to limit the operation of any emergency medical service district established and operating pursuant to Section 9C of Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution; provided, however, that, upon invitation and approval of a majority of the voters of the district, any such district is hereby authorized to join by appropriate agreement any system established by an EMS Region or a municipality pursuant to the provisions of this section.

F. The following types of patient transports shall be exempt from regulation by EMS Regions or municipalities:

1. Any ambulance owned or operated by, or under contract to perform ambulance transport services for, the Federal or State government, or any agency thereof;

2. Any ambulance owned and operated by a hospital and in use to transport a patient of the owner-hospital, which patient has been admitted to and not been discharged from the owner-hospital, to or from another hospital or medical care facility at which the patient receives a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure not available at the owner-hospital;

3. Any ambulance engaged in a routine transport call to transport a patient from a hospital, nursing home, or dialysis center located within an EMS Region or municipality to any location outside the EMS Region or municipality;

4. Any ambulance engaged in the transport of a patient from a location outside an EMS Region or municipality to a location inside an EMS Region or municipality; or

5. Any ambulance engaged in the interstate transport of a patient.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2516 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. If a certain area of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Region or municipalities is contiguous with another EMS Region or municipality and that EMS Region or municipality has ambulance service which can respond to that area faster and can provide appropriate emergency medical services, the dispatching service shall be required to dispatch ambulance service from the adjacent EMS Region or municipality.

B. The dispatching priority set forth in subsection A of this section shall apply only in an emergency situation.

C. An EMS Region or municipality which is contiguous with another EMS Region or municipality shall coordinate with the contiguous region or municipality to determine which service can respond faster to certain adjoining areas.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of February, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1992.

President of the Senate