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Bill Summary

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The 4th Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for House Bill 1888 modifies the name of the Rural Ambulance Service Districts Act to the Ambulance Service Districts Act. The 4th CCS requires each county with a population of 500,000 people or less to present an emergency medical services plan to the State Department of Health no later than April 1, 2011. The Engrossed House Version required every county in the state, regardless of population, to present such plans to the Legislature and to the Governor.

The 4th CCS also contains new language that provides that a petition signed by at least 25% of the registered voters may be filed with the county clerk and presented to the board of county commissioners seeking the incorporation of a district under the provisions of the Ambulance Service Districts Act. In addition, language contained in the Engrossed House Version that would have authorized a county or incorporated town or city to levy certain assessments has been removed and is not contained in the 4th CCS.

The 4th CCS contains a section of new law providing that there is a required duty to act within the licensed area upon the acceptance of an ambulance service license. All licensed ambulance services are required to respond appropriately, consistent with the level of licensure, when called for emergency service regardless of the patient's ability to pay. This requirement, however, does not apply to nonemergency, interfacility transfers.

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