

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1296

Page 1, line 3, replace "sections 18-04-04 and" with "section"

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a report;"

Page 1, remove lines 7 through 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 and 2

Page 2, replace lines 11 through 31 with:

**23-40-01. Eligibility.** To be eligible to apply for funds under this chapter, an applicant must be the licenseholder of an emergency medical services operation that has been licensed under chapter 23-27 for a period of at least twelve months before the filing of the application under section 23-40-02, must bill for services at a level at least equivalent to the medicare billing level, and must meet any additional requirements set by rule adopted by the state health council.

**23-40-02. Application.** Before November first of each year, the licenseholder of an emergency medical services operation shall file a complete application with the state department of health on a form provided by the department. The application must include an affirmation of the operation's billing levels, documentation of the availability of local matching funds, and other information as may be required by the department.

**23-40-03. Eligibility for distribution of funds.** The state health officer shall make eligibility determinations and distribution amount determinations under this chapter in accordance with the department's strategic plan for providing emergency medical services in this state. The department shall establish and continually update this strategic plan for an integrated emergency medical services program that includes a comprehensive statewide emergency medical services system. Eligibility for funds under this chapter is not an entitlement. The state health officer may not distribute funds to an applicant unless the applicant has verified the existence of local matching funds equal to twenty-five percent of the proposed distribution amount.

**23-40-04. Allocation for distribution of funds.** During the first year of the biennium, the state health officer may not distribute more than one-half of the biennial legislative appropriation and during the second year of the biennium the state health officer may distribute the remainder of the biennial legislative appropriation.

**23-40-05. Use of funds.** A recipient of funds under this chapter shall use the funds in a manner consistent with rules adopted by the state health council. A recipient of funds may not use funds for capital expenses such as emergency vehicles and emergency medical services equipment."

Page 3, remove lines 1 through 16

Page 4, after line 7, insert:

**"SECTION 4. ASSESSMENT OF STATE'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM - REPORT.** The state department of health shall seek to contract with a third party for an assessment of the state's emergency medical services system to assist in developing an integrated emergency medical services program that includes a comprehensive statewide emergency medical services system. The assessment may address regulation and policy; resource management; human resources and training; transportation; facilities; communications; trauma systems; public information, education, and prevention; medical direction; and an evaluation. The department shall report the findings to the legislative council no later than July 1, 2008."

Page 4, line 10, replace "insurance commissioner" with "state department of health"

Page 4, after line 12, insert:

**"SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$30,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of funding an assessment of the state's emergency medical services system under section 4 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009."

Renumber accordingly