

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1269**

Introduced by

Representatives Fegley, Jones, J. Nelson, M. Ruby

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-27-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to ambulance service partnerships.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-27-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **23-27-01. License required - Licensing of emergency medical services operations -**  
7 **Exception - Waiver.**

- 8 1. The state department of health shall license emergency medical services operations  
9 and may designate their service areas. The department shall limit the issuance of a  
10 license for any new emergency medical services operation based on the needs of the  
11 service area. A license for an emergency medical services operation is  
12 nontransferable.
- 13 2. Emergency medical services may not be advertised, offered, or provided to the public  
14 except by an emergency medical services operator that provides the emergency  
15 medical services through emergency medical services personnel.
- 16 3. Except as otherwise provided under ~~subsections~~subsections 4 and 5, an emergency  
17 medical services operator must be separately licensed for each of the operator's  
18 emergency medical services operations and an operation that is headquartered from a  
19 separate location must be considered a separate operation. Under this subsection, an  
20 operation with a single headquarters site may dispatch vehicles and emergency  
21 medical services personnel from more than one location if calls requesting services  
22 are received and orders for vehicle dispatch are made at the single headquarters site.

- 1           4. Notwithstanding subsection 3, an operator of an emergency medical services  
2           operation may operate one or more substation ambulance services operations under a  
3           single license if:
- 4           a. The headquarters ambulance services operation is not a substation ambulance  
5           services operation of another emergency medical services operation;
- 6           b. The substation ambulance services operation area borders the headquarters  
7           ambulance services operation area or borders another substation of the  
8           headquarters ambulance services operation;
- 9           c. The headquarters ambulance services operation and the substation ambulance  
10          services operation are dispatched by the same entity; and
- 11          d. The operator of the emergency medical services operation pays a license fee for  
12          each of its substation ambulance services operations.
- 13          5. Notwithstanding subsection 3, the operators of two emergency medical services  
14          operations may collaborate to answer calls if:
- 15          a. The operations share a common border;
- 16          b. The operations are dispatched by the same entity; and
- 17          c. Each operation pays a license fee for its operation.
- 18          6. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to an operator from another state which is  
19          headquartered at a location outside of this state and transports patients across state  
20          lines, but the operator may not treat patients within this state or pick up patients within  
21          this state for transportation to locations within this state, except as provided by rule.
- 22          ~~6-7.~~ The state health council shall adopt rules for special licenses and waiver provisions for  
23          an operator of an emergency medical services operation intended for industrial sites  
24          not available to the general public.