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Overview

This bill authorizes the Lakes Region emergency medical services (EMS) district to collect service charges, and specifies what those fees may be used for. The fees are sunset in 2003 (payable, to be collected in 2004).

Section

1 **Lakes region EMS service charges.**

Subd. 1. Authorization. Authorizes the Lakes region EMS district to charge and collect an annual service charge of \$5 per unit for properties in the primary service area within the county, and \$2.50 per unit for properties in the secondary service area, according to the schedule in subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. EMS fee schedule. Specifies how many units each type of property will be assessed for under the EMS fee.

Subd. 3. Use of fee proceeds. Authorizes fee proceeds to be used for out-of-hospital emergency medical services, and outlines what is included under that term.

Subd. 4. Board. Outlines board membership to be three members chosen by all of the cities in the county to reflect geographic balance, three members chosen by all of the towns in the county to reflect geographic balance, and a chair who is a member of the county board, chosen by the county board. Members serve a three-year term. Vacancies are to be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

Subd. 5. Procedure. Directs the Chisago county board to charge, collect, and disburse the EMS fees, including any unpaid fees, in the same manner as solid waste management fees are administered within the county.

Subd. 6. Administrative share. Authorizes the county to retain up to one percent of the fee for administration.

Subd. 7. Sunset. Fee may be charged in 2001-2003, payable in 2002-2004.