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Overview

This bill makes changes to the ambulance service licensing statutes and the reimbursement to nonprofit ambulance services statute.

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- 1 **Basic life support.** Amends § 144E.101, subd. 6. Modifies the application of a variance that may be granted by the board to end when the ambulance service renews its license. (Currently, only a temporary variance may be granted, which continues up to one year from the date of issuance.)
- 2 **Interhospital; interfacility transfer.** Amends § 144E.127. Adds a provision for interfacility transfers.

Subd. 1. Interhospital transfers. Gives a title to this paragraph of current law.

Subd. 2. Interfacility transfers. Provides that licensees with a primary service area located outside certain metropolitan counties and cities may substitute one EMT with a registered first responder, so long as there is a one of the following individuals in the patient compartment and that individual is trained in ambulance equipment and protocols:

- EMT or EMT-paramedic;

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- Physician;
- Registered nurse; or
- Physician's assistant

3 Repayment for volunteer training. Amends § 144E.35, subd. 1.

- Allows a licensed ambulance service to receive certain reimbursement from the board. (Currently the political subdivision or nonprofit hospital or corporation that operates the ambulance service receives the reimbursement.)
- Raises the maximum reimbursement for a volunteer ambulance attendant from \$450 to \$600 for a basic course and from \$225 to \$275 for a continuing education course.