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Overview

This bill eliminates the requirement of a variance for a staff requirement for ambulance services and instead allows the medical director of the ambulance service to authorize staffing requirements in certain areas.

Section

- 1 Basic life support.** Amends § 144E.101, subdivision 6. Eliminates the ability for the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board to grant a variance for staff requirements. Allows an ambulance service to staff a basic life-support ambulance with one EMT and one registered emergency medical responder driver for emergency ambulance calls and interfacility transfers. This authorization is for ambulance service areas outside the metropolitan counties, Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud, or for a service based in a community with a population for less than 2,500 (was previously at 1,000).
- 2 Mutual aid agreement.** Amends § 144E.101, subdivision 12. Allows a licensed ambulance service to enter into a written agreement with a neighboring licensed ambulance service, including one from a different state, to provide part-time support to the licensee's primary service area. This agreement cannot exceed more than 12 hours per day and applies only to licensee's whose primary service area is outside the metropolitan counties, Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, St. Cloud or a community with a population of less than 2,500.