2025 Regular Session

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HOUSE BILL NO. 241

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4791.1(C), (D), and (E) and to enact R.S. 33:4791.1(F),
3	relative to local government; to provide relative to the regulation by local governing
4	authorities of ambulance services; to require local governing authorities and certain
5	ambulance service providers to submit ground ambulance service rates to the
6	Department of Insurance; to provide relative to the duties of the Department of
7	Insurance, relative to such information; and to provide for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 33:4791.1(C), (D), and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and
10	R.S. 33:4791.1(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
11	§4791.1. Regulation by local governing authorities of ambulance services,
12	emergency medical services, and aspects attendant to ambulance operation
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14	C.(1)(a) Each municipality or other local governing authority that has
15	established rates for ground ambulance services provided in its geographic service
16	area as authorized by this Section or ambulance service provider designated or
17	contracted to provide ambulance services on behalf of a local governing authority
18	that has established rates for ground ambulance services provided in its geographic
19	service area shall submit rates to the Department of Insurance, in the form and
20	manner prescribed by the department. The rates submitted shall be certified as
21	accurate by the submitting local governing authority or ambulance service provider.
22	(b) The local governing authority or ambulance service provider shall notify
23	the Department of Insurance of any changes to the established rates.

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(2) The Department of Insurance shall establish and maintain a publicly accessible database for the rates on its website. An insurer may rely in good faith on the rates displayed on the website.

C.D. Cognizance is hereby taken of provisions in home rule charters of various parishes and municipalities which permit the regulation of ambulance services, the furnishing of emergency medical services, and any and all aspects attendant to ambulance operation within the jurisdiction of such parishes and municipalities. In connection with same, the provisions of this Section are hereby deemed and shall be interpreted and construed to be retroactive.

D.E. Any municipality or other local governing authority is authorized to carry out the provisions of this Section as acts of government on behalf of the state as sovereign and, to the extent the governing authority deems necessary or appropriate, is further authorized to displace competition and provide a monopoly public service. All immunity of the state of Louisiana from liability under antitrust law is hereby extended to any municipality or other governing authority acting within the scope of authority contained in this Section and, when so acting, a municipality or other local governing authority shall be presumed to be acting in furtherance of state policy.

E.F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize the regulation of ambulance services, emergency medical services, or ambulance operations which are located on the site of any manufacturing facility solely for use thereon.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED: _____