
HOUSE BILL 2615

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By Representatives Quall, Morris and Clibborn; by request of Insurance Commissioner

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting certain private air ambulance services
2 from licensing under the insurance code; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 48.01 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.01 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A private air ambulance service that solicits membership
8 subscriptions, accepts membership applications, charges membership
9 fees, and provides air ambulance services, to subscription members and
10 designated members of their household is not an insurer under RCW
11 48.01.050, a health carrier under chapter 48.43 RCW, a health care
12 services contractor under chapter 48.44 RCW, or a health maintenance
13 organization under chapter 48.46 RCW if the private air ambulance
14 service:

15 (1) Is licensed in accordance with RCW 18.73.130;

16 (2) Attains and maintains accreditation by the commission on
17 accreditation of medical transport services or another accrediting
18 organization approved by the department of health as having equivalent
19 requirements as the commission for aeromedical transport;

1 (3) Has been in operation in Washington for at least two years; and
2 (4) Has submitted evidence of its compliance with this section, the
3 licensing requirements of RCW 18.73.130, and accreditation from the
4 commission or another accrediting organization approved by the
5 department of health as having equivalent requirements as the
6 commission for aeromedical transport to the commissioner.

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