

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1114

Short Title: Enhancing Emergency Medical Services.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wright; and Wainwright.

Referred to: Ways and Means.

April 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE
WITHOUT OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 153A-250(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) A city may adopt an ordinance pursuant to and under the procedures of subsection (a) of this section and may operate or contract for ambulance services pursuant to subsection (b) of this section if (i) the county in which the city is located has adopted a resolution authorizing the city to do so or (ii) the county has not, within 180 days after being requested by the city to do so, provided for ambulance services within the city pursuant to this section. if the city can demonstrate enhancement of public safety standards for the community and generally prevent the erosion of the quality of emergency care, a reduction in ambulance response time, an increase in the number of paramedics available, or an improvement in the manner and scope of emergency ambulance services. Any action taken by a city pursuant to this subsection shall apply only within the corporate limits of the city.

If a city is exercising a power granted by this subsection, ~~the county in which the city is located may thereafter take action to provide for ambulance service within the city, either under subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section, only after having given to the city 180 days' notice of the county's intention to take action. At the end of the 180 days,~~

1 ~~the city's authority under this subsection is preempted by the county. the city may~~
2 appropriate for ambulance services any revenues not otherwise limited as to use by law
3 and may establish and from time to time revise schedules of rates, fees, charges, and
4 penalties for ambulance services."

5 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.