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HOUSE BILL 219
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H219-PCS40466-BR-3

Short Title: Counties/Franchise Ambulance Service.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 27, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW THAT AUTHORIZES COUNTIES AND CITIES TO
3 FRANCHISE OR OPERATE AMBULANCE SERVICES AND PROVIDING THAT
4 COUNTY OFFICIALS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS
5 IN THE LEVEL OF CARE PROVIDED BY EMS PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT OWNED
6 OR OPERATED BY A CITY IN THE COUNTY OR THE COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR
7 THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-250 is repealed.

10 SECTION 2. Article 13 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
11 adding a new section to read:

12 "**§ 153A-251. Level of care modifications.**

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a county manager or EMS administrator
14 delegated the authority to act on behalf of the county shall not be required to sign a document or
15 otherwise approve of a modification in the level of care being provided by a provider within the
16 county's emergency management system. For purposes of this section, a "modification" means
17 either an increase or decrease in level of care. The provisions of this section do not apply if the
18 provider is a city located within the county or the county responsible for the emergency
19 management system."

20 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1 of this act applies
21 to any franchise agreements or contracts for ambulance service initiated or renewed on or after
22 that date. A city or county with an existing franchise agreement or contract for ambulance service
23 in effect on the date this act becomes law shall not renew that agreement or contract. Section 2
24 of this act applies to any modification in the level of care occurring on or after the date this act
25 becomes law.



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