

1 SENATE BILL 144

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO AMBULANCE SERVICES; ESTABLISHING A FUND; REQUIRING
12 RULES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. Section 65-6-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
16 Chapter 82, Section 1) is amended to read:

17 "65-6-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[Sections 1 through 6 of this act]~~
18 Chapter 65, Article 6 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Ambulance
19 Standards Act"."

20 SECTION 2. A new section of the Ambulance Standards Act
21 is enacted to read:

22 "[NEW MATERIAL] AMBULANCE SERVICE ASSISTANCE FUND
23 CREATED--GRANT REQUIREMENTS.--

24 A. The "ambulance service assistance fund" is
25 created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the

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1 commission. The fund consists of appropriations, income from
2 investment of the fund and any other money distributed or
3 otherwise allocated to the fund. Money in the fund is
4 appropriated to the commission for the purpose of administering
5 the rules adopted by the commission pursuant to Subsection C of
6 this section and making disbursements from the fund.

7 Disbursements from the fund shall be made upon warrants drawn
8 by the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to
9 vouchers signed by the chair of the commission. Balances in
10 the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the
11 general fund. The fund may consist of such subaccounts as the
12 commission deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the
13 fund.

14 B. The commission shall establish procedures and
15 adopt rules as required to administer the ambulance service
16 assistance fund, to recover from the fund the costs of
17 administering the fund and to determine the factors for
18 deciding on competitive grants from the fund.

19 C. Money in the ambulance service assistance fund
20 may be used to make grants on a competitive basis to local
21 public ambulance service providers to assist in the purchase or
22 refurbishment of ambulances, medical equipment or the required
23 training and certification of ambulance drivers and emergency
24 medical service staff; provided that:

25 (1) no entity may receive more than

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1 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the fund in a
2 given fiscal year;

3 (2) to receive a grant, a recipient shall
4 provide, or obtain, non-state funding equal to at least twenty-
5 five percent of the cost of the equipment, training or
6 certifications for which the grant is being awarded; and

7 (3) the commission certifies that the grant
8 applicant has been in compliance with the Ambulance Standards
9 Act for at least the two fiscal years previous to an award of a
10 grant."

11 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--Nine million dollars
12 (\$9,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
13 ambulance service assistance fund for expenditure in fiscal
14 year 2021 and subsequent fiscal years for the purposes of the
15 fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the
16 end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.