

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 107

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS BUREAU OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
13 FUNDING AND REGULATION OPTIONS FOR RURAL GOVERNMENTS IN NEW
14 MEXICO.

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16 WHEREAS, emergency medical services are essential to the
17 health, safety and welfare of people in rural communities
18 because they provide potentially life-saving emergency care and
19 transportation to the nearest emergency treatment at hospital
20 emergency rooms; and

21 WHEREAS, local government plays an essential role in
22 providing emergency medical services with public funds because
23 the cost of these services is generally not fully covered by
24 the fees for services paid by patients; and

25 WHEREAS, many local governments, particularly rural

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1 counties and communities with low-income populations where the
2 need for emergency medical services funding is especially
3 acute, do not generate enough tax revenue to provide adequate
4 funding to sustain reliable and viable emergency medical
5 services; and

6 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the state and its
7 residents that rural counties and communities have the capacity
8 to provide quality and efficient emergency medical services;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
10 OF NEW MEXICO that the emergency medical systems bureau of the
11 department of health be requested to initiate a study to
12 examine regulations, required training, certification,
13 licensing, relicensing and funding options for emergency
14 response services, fire departments or independent services,
15 service levels, geographical limitations and other factors; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the secretary of health, the chief of the
18 emergency medical systems bureau of the department of health,
19 the executive director of New Mexico counties and the executive
20 director of the New Mexico municipal league.