



HOUSE BILL 219: Counties/Franchise Ambulance Service.

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Committee:	House Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery. If favorable, re-refer to State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 9, 2025
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Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H219-CSBR-3		Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 219 would eliminate the authority of local governments to franchise or operate ambulance services and provide that modifications to the level of care provided by emergency medical service (EMS) providers that are not owned or operated by a local government do not require approval by county officials.*

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

[G.S. 153A-250](#) authorizes counties and, in certain cases, cities, to by ordinance franchise ambulance services provided in the county or city. The ordinance may prevent non-franchised ambulance service providers from operating in the area served by the franchise, limit the number of ambulances that may operate in the area, establish a rate schedule, among other related provisions. The provision of emergency medical services, generally, is regulated by [Article 7 of Chapter 131E](#).

Section 1 of the PCS would repeal G.S. 153A-250, preventing local governments from franchising ambulance services. This section would apply to any franchise agreements or contracts for ambulance service initiated or renewed on or after that date. A city or county with an existing franchise agreement or contract for ambulance service in effect on the date this PCS becomes law may not renew that agreement or contract.

Currently, a county manager or EMS administrator delegated the authority to act on behalf of the county must approve a modification in the level of care being provided by a provider within the county's emergency management system.

Section 2 would provide that an EMS provider no longer needs approval from the county manager or EMS administrator to modify the level of care being provided. This provision would not apply if the provider is a city located within the county or the county responsible for the emergency management system.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, this bill would be effective when it becomes law. Section 2 of this PCS would apply to any modification in the level of care occurring on or after the date this bill becomes law.

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