

# SB0215S02 compared with SB0215

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1 **Emergency Medical Services Modifications**  
2025 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens**  
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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill addresses ground ambulance interfacility transport services.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

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- ~~{directs and grants exclusive}~~ grants authority to and requires municipalities and counties to ensure that a minimum level of ground ambulance interfacility transport services are provided within the respective municipality or county;

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- requires a municipality or county to conduct a review and evaluation of emergency medical service provider's services every four years;

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- requires a municipality or county to request competitive sealed proposals for the purpose of evaluating alternative qualified emergency medical service providers;

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- removes the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Management (bureau) from involvement in the ~~{processes related to}~~ process by which a ~~{municipality's}~~ municipality or ~~{county's selection of}~~ county selects emergency medical service providers, except ~~{for a}~~ verifying and providing notice that an applicant emergency medical service provider meets minimum requirements;

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- 15       ▶ recognizes the bureau's jurisdiction to discipline non-911 ambulance service providers;
- 20       ▶ requires a county or municipality to:
- 21             • offer a first right to provide interfacility transports to the current 911 ambulance
- service provider;
- 23             • conduct formal reviews of 911 service providers and interfacility transport service
- providers;
- 16       ▶ grants investigative authority to the bureau;
- 17       ▶ makes it a class B misdemeanor to willfully disobey a valid subpoena or cease and desist letter  
from the bureau; and
- 19       ▶ makes technical {and conforming} changes.

### 29 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

30       None

### 31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32       None

### 34 **AMENDS:**

35       **11-48-103** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 506 , as last amended by Laws of Utah  
2024, Chapter 506

36       **53-2d-103** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 and last  
amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307 , as renumbered and amended  
by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah  
2023, Chapter 307

38       **53-2d-505** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as renumbered  
and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

39       **53-2d-604** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as renumbered  
and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

40       **53-2d-607** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 and last  
amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307 , as renumbered and amended  
by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah  
2023, Chapter 307

### 42 **ENACTS:**

43       **53-2d-606.5** , Utah Code Annotated 1953 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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44 REPEALS:

45 **53-2d-505.1** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as  
renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

46 **53-2d-505.2** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 16 and renumbered and amended  
by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 16 and  
renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

48 **53-2d-505.3** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 435 and renumbered and amended  
by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 435 and  
renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

50 **53-2d-505.4** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 and last  
amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307 , as renumbered and amended  
by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah  
2023, Chapter 307

52 **53-2d-505.5** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as  
renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

53 **53-2d-506** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as renumbered  
and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

54 **53-2d-507** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as renumbered  
and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

55 **53-2d-508** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310 , as renumbered  
and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 307, 310

56 **53-2d-509** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 147 , as last amended by Laws of Utah  
2024, Chapter 147

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58 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

59 Section 1. Section **11-48-103** is amended to read:

60 **11-48-103. Provision of ambulance services in municipalities and counties.** <compare  
mode="add">(Compare Error)</compare>

52 (1) The governing body of each municipality and county has exclusive authority to and shall, subject to  
Title 53, Chapter 2d, Part 5, Ambulance and Paramedic Providers, ensure at least a minimum level  
of 911 ambulance services and ground ambulance interfacility transport services are provided:

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- 56 (a) within the territorial limits of the municipality or county;
- 57 (b) by a ground ambulance provider, licensed by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services under  
Title 53, Chapter 2d, Part 5, Ambulance and Paramedic Providers; and
- 59 (c) in accordance with rules established by the Trauma System and Emergency Medical Services  
Committee under Section 53-2d-105.
- 61 (2) A municipality or county may:
- 62 (a) ~~[subject to Subsection (3),]~~ provide, maintain, and support 911 ambulance services for the  
municipality's or county's own jurisdiction; or
- 64 (b) ~~[contract to:]~~ enter into an interlocal agreement or procurement contract with a public or private  
entity to provide, receive, support, or maintain, 911 ambulance services or ground ambulance  
interfacility transport services, under any arrangement and to any extent that the municipality or  
county determines.
- 68 ~~[(i) provide 911 ambulance services to any county, municipal corporation, special district, special~~  
~~service district, interlocal entity, private corporation, nonprofit corporation, state agency, or federal~~  
~~agency;]~~
- 71 ~~[(ii) receive 911 ambulance services from any county, municipal corporation, special district, special~~  
~~service district, interlocal entity, private corporation, nonprofit corporation, state agency, or federal~~  
~~agency;]~~
- 74 ~~[(iii) jointly provide 911 ambulance services with any county, municipal corporation, special district,~~  
~~special service district, interlocal entity, private corporation, nonprofit corporation, state agency, or~~  
~~federal agency; or]~~
- 77 ~~[(iv) contribute toward the support of 911 ambulance services in any county, municipal corporation,~~  
~~special district, special service district, interlocal entity, private corporation, nonprofit corporation,~~  
~~state agency, or federal agency in return for 911 ambulance services.]~~
- 81 (3)
- ~~[(a)]~~ A municipality or county that provides, maintains, and supports 911 ambulance services for the  
municipality's or county's own jurisdiction under Subsection (2)(a) shall obtain a license as a ground  
ambulance provider from the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services under Title 53, Chapter 2d,  
Part 5, Ambulance and Paramedic Providers.
- 86 ~~[(b) Sections 53-2d-505 through 53-2d-505.3 do not apply to a license described in Subsection (3)(a).]~~
- 131 Section 2. Section **53-2d-103** is amended to read:

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- 132           **53-2d-103. Bureau duties -- Data sharing.**
- 90           (1) The bureau shall:
- 91           (a) coordinate the emergency medical services within the state;
- 92           (b) administer and enforce any programs and applicable rules created under this chapter;
- 93           (c) establish a voluntary task force representing a diversity of emergency medical service providers to  
              advise the bureau and the committee on rules;
- 95           (d) establish an emergency medical service personnel peer review board to advise the bureau  
              concerning discipline of emergency medical service personnel under this chapter; and
- 98           (e) adopt rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
- 100          (i) license ambulance providers and paramedic providers;
- 101          (ii) permit ambulances, emergency medical response vehicles, and nonemergency secured behavioral  
              health transport vehicles, including approving an emergency vehicle operator's course in accordance  
              with Section 53-2d-404;
- 104          (iii) establish:
- 105               (A) the qualifications for membership of the peer review board created by this section;
- 107               (B) a process for placing restrictions on a license while an investigation is pending;
- 108               (C) the process for the investigation and recommendation by the peer review board; and
- 110               (D) the process for determining the status of a license while a peer review board investigation is  
                  pending;
- 112          (iv) establish application, submission, and procedural requirements for licenses, designations, and  
              permits; and
- 114          (v) establish and implement the programs, plans, and responsibilities as specified in other sections of  
              this chapter.
- 116          (2)
- (a) The bureau shall share data related to the bureau's duties with the Department of Health and Human  
              Services.
- 118               (b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall share data related to the bureau's duties with  
              the bureau.
- 120               (c) All data collected by the bureau under this chapter is subject to Title 26B, Chapter 8, Part 4, Health  
              Statistics, including data privacy protections.
- 165          Section 3. Section **53-2d-505** is amended to read:

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166           **53-2d-505. Ground ambulance and paramedic licenses.**

124    ~~[(1)]~~ If the bureau determines that the application meets the minimum requirements for licensure under  
Section 53-2d-504, the bureau shall issue a notice of the approved application to the applicant.

127    ~~[(2) A current license holder responding to a request for proposal under Section 53-2d-505.2 is  
considered an approved applicant for purposes of Section 53-2d-505.2 if the current license holder,  
prior to responding to the request for proposal, submits the following to the department:]~~

131    ~~[(a) the information described in Subsections 53-2d-504(4)(a)(i) through (iii); and]~~

132    ~~[(b)~~

~~(i) if the license holder is a private entity, a financial statement, a pro forma budget and necessary letters  
of credit demonstrating a financial ability to expand service to a new service area; or]~~

135    ~~[(ii) if the license holder is a governmental entity, a letter from the governmental entity's governing  
body demonstrating the governing body's willingness to financially support the application.]~~

181           Section 4. Section **53-2d-604** is amended to read:

182           **53-2d-604. Discipline of designated and licensed providers.**

140    (1) The bureau may refuse to issue a license or designation or a renewal, or revoke, suspend, restrict, or  
place on probation, ~~[an]~~ any emergency medical service provider's license or designation, including  
the license or designation of a non-911 service provider, if the provider has:

144    (a) failed to abide by terms of the license or designation;

145    (b) violated statute or rule;

146    (c) failed to provide services at the level or in the exclusive geographic service area required by the  
license or designation;

148    (d) failed to submit a renewal application in a timely fashion as required by department rule;

150    (e) failed to follow operational standards established by the committee; or

151    (f) committed an act in the performance of a professional duty that endangered the public or constituted  
gross negligence.

153    (2)

(a) An action to revoke, suspend, restrict, or place a license or designation on probation shall be done in  
accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

156    (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), the department may issue a cease and desist order under Section  
53-2d-607 to immediately suspend a license or designation pending an administrative proceeding

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to be held within 30 days if there is evidence to show that the provider or facility poses a clear, immediate, and unjustifiable threat or potential threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.

204 Section 5. Section 5 is enacted to read:

205 **53-2d-606.5. Investigative authority of the bureau -- Subpoenas -- Criminal penalty.**

164 (1) In connection with conducting a formal investigation or any matters pending before the peer review board, the bureau may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require by subpoena duces tecum the production of relevant papers, records, or other documents or information.

168 (2) A person who willfully disobeys a valid subpoena issued by the bureau is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

213 Section 6. Section 53-2d-607 is amended to read:

214 **53-2d-607. Cease and desist letters -- Criminal penalty.**

172 (1) The bureau may issue a cease and desist order to any person who:

173 [(1)] (a) may be disciplined under Section 53-2d-603 or 53-2d-604; or

174 [(2)] (b) otherwise violates this chapter or any rules adopted under this chapter.

175 (2) An individual who willfully disobeys a valid cease and desist letter issued by the bureau is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

220 Section 7. **Repealer.**

This Bill Repeals:

221 This bill repeals:

222 Section 53-2d-505.1, **Selection of provider by political subdivision.**

223 Section 53-2d-505.2, **Selection of provider -- Request for competitive sealed proposal --**  
224 **Public convenience and necessity.**

225 Section 53-2d-505.3, **Use of competitive sealed proposals -- Procedure -- Appeal rights.**

226 Section 53-2d-505.4, **Non-911 provider -- Finding of meritorious complaint -- Request**  
227 **for proposals.**

228 Section 53-2d-505.5, **Use of competitive sealed proposals -- Procedure -- Appeal rights.**

229 Section 53-2d-506, **Ground ambulance and paramedic licenses -- Parties.**

230 Section 53-2d-507, **Ground ambulance and paramedic licenses -- Proceedings.**

231 Section 53-2d-508, **Criteria for determining public convenience and necessity.**

232 Section 53-2d-509, **Ground ambulance and paramedic licenses -- Hearing and presiding**

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233 **officers.**

234 Section 8. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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