

HOUSE BILL 2543

By Moody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 7; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71,
relative to ambulance services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-61-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g) An ambulance service that has exclusive rights to provide emergency ambulance services within a county, municipality, or geographic area:

(1) Shall not charge rates that are unreasonable, excessive, or based on rates charged by insurance carriers or other entities that classify individuals as in-network or out-of-network for emergency services provided pursuant to a call received by a 911 or emergency dispatch center operated by such county, municipality, or geographical area that has given the exclusive rights to the ambulance service;

(2) May charge varying rates based on the level of services provided pursuant to a call received by a 911 or emergency dispatch center operated by such county, municipality, or geographical area that has given the exclusive rights to the ambulance service; and

(3) May negotiate rates with insurance carriers or other entities for services that are not provided as a result of a call received by a 911 or emergency dispatch center and are in the normal course of business for the ambulance service.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.