



SPONSOR: Rep. Baumbach

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
HOUSE BILL NO. 127

AMEND House Bill No. 127 by deleting lines 5 through 9 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(1) “Ambulance service provider” means an organization that is a recipient of a Grant-in-Aid for the current fiscal year for the operation and maintenance of ambulances in the public service.

(2) “Fire company” means a nonprofit fire company that is a recipient of a Grant-in-Aid for the current fiscal year.

(3) “Fire protection” means the prevention and extinguishment of fires; maintenance of apparatus and equipment, including ambulances, rescue trucks, aerial, or platform trucks and rescue boats; provision of basic life support; and operation of stations.

(4) “Fire protection provider” means a fire company or an ambulance service provider that provides fire protection outside City of Wilmington.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 127 on line 17 by deleting “fire companies” and inserting in lieu thereof “fire protection providers”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 127 on line 33 by deleting “fire company” and inserting in lieu thereof “fire protection provider”.

SYNOPSIS

This Amendment revises House Bill No. 127 to make ambulance service providers who are recipients of a Grant-in-Aid eligible for money collected from a county’s fire protection fee. There are currently 3 volunteer ambulance service providers that are not operated by fire companies but are treated in the same manner as fire companies for certification, audits, and all receive a Grant-in-Aid in the section of the annual Grant-in-Aid bill for fire companies.

Under HB 127, “fire protection” includes ambulances and basic life support, but only fire companies who are a recipient of a Grant-in-Aid and provide fire protection outside the City of Wilmington can receive money from a county’s fire protection fee.

This Amendment revises HB 127 to define “ambulance service provider” as a organization that is a recipient of a Grant-in-Aid for the operation and maintenance of ambulances and groups ambulance service providers with fire companies under the term “fire protection provider” so that all organizations that receive a Grant-in-Aid and provide ambulance services in the county, outside of the City of Wilmington, are eligible to receive money collected under a county fire protection fee and if these funds are received, the organization must include that money in the annual audit required under current law.