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SPONSOR STATEMENT - HB 219

HB 219 allows local fire and emergency medical agencies to solicit funding as a form of prepayment for services. This type of program has been successful in allowing such organizations to raise needed operating funds while limiting financial risk to those that may need the agency's services.

In a typical scenario, an individual or family pays a set fee to the local emergency medical service on an annual basis. The agency then will respond and transport the individual or family member without additional charge to the individual.

Under current statute, it is the opinion of the Division of Insurance that this type of activity is deemed insurance and is regulated by that division. HB 219 will clarify that this type of program is not insurance and is not regulated by the division.