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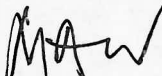
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## MEMORANDUM

February 6, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary of SB 159  
(Work Order No. 28-LS1359\N)

**TO:** Senator Bert Stedman  
Attn: Christie Jamieson

**FROM:** Megan A. Wallace  
Legislative Counsel 

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill -- the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

**Section 1.** Prohibits an air ambulance service provider from denying emergency medical services to a person on the basis that the person is not covered by an air ambulance membership agreement.

**Section 2.** Adds a new chapter to AS 21 governing air ambulance membership agreements.

AS 21.61.100 allows a registered air ambulance service provider to offer air ambulance membership agreements. The air ambulance membership agreements cannot exceed one year, but may be renewed annually, and may not include a provision requiring an air ambulance service provider to indemnify a person for services provided by a third party.

AS 21.61.105 establishes requirements for the registration of air ambulance service providers.

AS 21.61.106 provides that air ambulance service providers and air ambulance membership agreements are subject to AS 21.36 (trade practices and frauds) and AS 21.42 (insurance contracts), and instructs the director to treat an air ambulance service provider as an insurer and treat an air ambulance membership agreement as an excepted benefits insurance policy when applying AS 21.36 and AS 21.42.

AS 21.61.109 allows the director to adopt regulations to implement this chapter.

AS 21.61.110 defines "air ambulance," "air ambulance membership agreement," "air ambulance service provider," and "consideration."

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**Section 3.** Repeals AS 21.87.010(b)(5), which provides an exemption to ambulance and emergency medical services provided by a municipality, nonprofit medical service corporation, or nonprofit association that offers a health care service for subscribers in exchange for periodic payments.

**Section 4.** Provides for an immediate effective date.

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