

State of South Dakota

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SENATE BILL NO. 169

Introduced by: Senators Holien, Adelstein, Ewing, Jensen, Kirkeby, Novstrup (Al), Peters, Rampelberg, Tieszen, Van Gerpen, Welke, and White and Representatives Dryden, Carson, Johns, Kopp, Magstadt, Novstrup (David), Romkema, Russell, Sly, Solum, and Wink

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the assignment of insurance payments for
2 ambulance service providers.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 58-17 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 Any person insured by a health insurance company, health maintenance organization,
7 preferred provider organization, individual practice association, or nonprofit hospital service
8 corporation may assign in writing benefits from such policy, contract, or certificate to an
9 ambulance service licensed pursuant to chapter 34-11. If such assignment is executed and
10 written notice is given, the insurance company, health maintenance organization, preferred
11 provider organization, individual practice association, or nonprofit hospital service corporation
12 shall pay the benefits directly to the ambulance service. If an insured is either incapable or
13 unable as a practical matter to execute an assignment of benefits, the insurance company, health
14 maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, individual practice association, or



- 1 nonprofit hospital service corporation, shall pay the benefits directly to the ambulance service.
- 2 Nothing in this section modifies the scope of coverage or the amount of benefits payable
- 3 under a health insurance policy, contract, or certificate.