



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1097

Introduced by: **Representative Otten** (Ernie)

1 **An Act to authorize transportation activities by air ambulance services.**

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

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-11:**

4 An air ambulance service may use a ground ambulance to transport a patient
5 between:

6 (1) An acute care hospital and the airport at which the service maintains its ordinary
7 and usual place of business; and

8 (2) The airport at which the air ambulance service maintains its ordinary and usual
9 place of business and an acute care hospital.

10 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-11:**

11 An air ambulance service may utilize the service's ground ambulance for a non-
12 emergent transfer of a patient from one healthcare facility to another healthcare facility
13 if:

14 (1) The patient's attending medical practitioner determines that the patient requires a
15 level of care that is not available without a transfer;

16 (2) The use of an air ambulance is precluded due to:

17 (a) Mechanical issues; or

18 (b) Weather issues; and

19 (3) The area's primary ambulance service provider is first given the opportunity to
20 transport the patient and is unable to begin the transport:

21 (a) Within thirty minutes; or

22 (b) Within the period of time approved by the patient's attending medical
23 practitioner.