

RS 40:1139.1**PART V. FIRST RESPONDER FINANCIAL STABILIZATION
AND ENHANCEMENT****§1139.1. Legislative findings**

The legislature hereby finds and declares the following:

- (1) Emergency medical services constitute an invaluable part of the healthcare delivery system of Louisiana and are an essential element of Louisiana's emergency preparedness system.
- (2) Emergency medical services will be a key element in any healthcare reform initiative.
- (3) Emergency medical services are a key component of any economic development program as they are essential to recruiting and retaining industry.
- (4) The cost of funding the Medicaid program and healthcare for the poor and uninsured in the state must be carefully managed in a manner which recognizes the challenges associated with appropriate reimbursement for services under the program.
- (5) Emergency medical service providers want to assure that emergency medical services are available to all residents of Louisiana.
- (6) It is in the best interest of the state that there exist sufficient resources to assure the availability of emergency ambulance services to the citizens of Louisiana and the creation of a statewide ambulance service district will help to ensure this goal.
- (7) The Louisiana Ambulance Alliance and the Louisiana Department of Health are interested in exploring the use of local revenues to enhance the delivery of emergency ambulance services through the use of certified public expenditures, intergovernmental transfers or other financing mechanisms that are in accordance with the applicable state and federal regulations.

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