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HOUSE BILL 219
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/9/25

Short Title: Counties/Franchise Ambulance Service.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 27, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW THAT AUTHORIZES COUNTIES AND CITIES TO
FRANCHISE OR OPERATE AMBULANCE SERVICES AND PROVIDING THAT
COUNTY OFFICIALS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS
IN THE LEVEL OF CARE PROVIDED BY EMS PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT OWNED
OR OPERATED BY A CITY IN THE COUNTY OR THE COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-250 is repealed.

SECTION 2. Article 13 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:

"§ 153A-251. Level of care modifications.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a county manager or EMS administrator
delegated the authority to act on behalf of the county shall not be required to sign a document or
otherwise approve of a modification in the level of care being provided by a provider within the
county's emergency management system. For purposes of this section, a "modification" means
either an increase or decrease in level of care. The provisions of this section do not apply if the
provider is a city located within the county or the county responsible for the emergency
management system."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1 of this act applies
to any franchise agreements or contracts for ambulance service initiated or renewed on or after
that date. A city or county with an existing franchise agreement or contract for ambulance service
in effect on the date this act becomes law shall not renew that agreement or contract. Section 2
of this act applies to any modification in the level of care occurring on or after the date this act
becomes law.



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