



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1097

HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENGROSSED

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

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

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 operator 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 operator 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 operator may utilize the operator's ground ambulance for the
12 transfer of a patient from one healthcare facility to another healthcare facility if:

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

15 (2) The operator is unable to use the operator's air ambulance to transport the patient
16 due to:

17 (a) Mechanical problems; or

18 (b) Inclement weather conditions.