

## **IC 16-31-5**

### **Chapter 5. Provision or Authorization of Emergency Medical Services by Local Governments**

#### **IC 16-31-5-1**

##### **Provision or authorization of emergency medical services; procedures**

Sec. 1. The governing body of a city, town, township, or county by the governing body's action or in any combination may do the following:

- (1) Establish, operate, and maintain emergency medical services.
- (2) Levy taxes under and limited by IC 6-3.5 and expend appropriated funds of the political subdivision to pay the costs and expenses of establishing, operating, maintaining, or contracting for emergency medical services.
- (3) Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, authorize, franchise, or contract for emergency medical services.

However:

- (A) a county may not provide, authorize, or contract for emergency medical services within the limits of any city without the consent of the city; and
  - (B) a city or town may not provide, authorize, franchise, or contract for emergency medical services outside the limits of the city or town without the approval of the governing body of the area to be served.
- (4) Apply for, receive, and accept gifts, bequests, grants-in-aid, state, federal, and local aid, and other forms of financial assistance for the support of emergency medical services.
  - (5) Establish and provide for the collection of reasonable fees for emergency ambulance services the governing body provides under this chapter.
  - (6) Pay the fees or dues for individual or group membership in any regularly organized volunteer emergency medical services association on their own behalf or on behalf of the emergency medical services personnel serving that unit of government.

*As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.14.*

#### **IC 16-31-5-2**

##### **Restrictions on provision of emergency medical services**

Sec. 2. A city, town, or county may not adopt an ordinance that restricts a person from providing emergency ambulance services in the city, town, township, or county if:

- (1) the person is authorized to provide emergency ambulance services in any part of another county; and
- (2) the person has been requested to provide emergency ambulance services:
  - (A) to the county in which the person is authorized to provide emergency ambulance services, and those services will originate in another county; or

(B) from the county in which the person is authorized to provide emergency ambulance services, and those services will terminate in another county.

*As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.14.*