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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4179

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4179 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Emergency Services Districts Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 2.5, 4, 11, 11.3, 11.4, and 11.5
6 as follows:

7 (70 ILCS 2005/2.5)

8 Sec. 2.5. Rescue squad district continuance. A rescue
9 squad district organized under this Act before January 1, 2024
10 (the effective date of Public Act 103-134) ~~this amendatory Act~~
11 ~~of the 103rd General Assembly~~ may (i) continue to be named a
12 rescue squad district or be renamed an emergency services
13 district by ordinance of the board of trustees of the
14 district, (ii) operate under the provisions of this Act as if
15 it was ~~they were~~ organized as an emergency services district,
16 ~~and~~ (iii) continue exercising taxing authority granted to it

1 that was approved before January 1, 2024, and (iv) for a
2 district in counties other than Cook County, DuPage County,
3 Kane County, Lake County, McHenry County, or Will County,
4 increase, by referendum, the tax rate authorized by its
5 organizational proposition under Section 4 by up to an
6 additional 0.20%. However, the aggregate tax authorized to be
7 levied for any one year under Section 4, including the amount
8 levied under the organizational proposition, shall not exceed
9 0.20% of value for a district in Cook County, DuPage County,
10 Kane County, Lake County, McHenry County, or Will County or
11 0.40% of value for a district in counties other than Cook
12 County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake County, McHenry
13 County, or Will County, as equalized or assessed by the
14 Department of Revenue. The taxes authorized under this Section
15 may be used for any purpose allowed under this Act, including,
16 but not limited to, ambulance service. ~~the effective date of~~
17 ~~this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and the~~
18 ~~taxes may be used for any purpose allowed under this Act.~~

19 (Source: P.A. 103-134, eff. 1-1-24.)

20 (70 ILCS 2005/4) (from Ch. 85, par. 6854)

21 Sec. 4. The determination of the court as to the necessity
22 for the organization of the proposed emergency services
23 district, together with the description of the boundaries of
24 the district as fixed by the court, shall be entered of record
25 in the court. Thereupon the court shall certify the question

1 of the organization of the territory included within the
 2 boundaries fixed by it as an emergency services district to
 3 the proper election officials, who shall submit the question
 4 to the legal voters resident within the territory at an
 5 election to be held in the district. Notice of the referendum
 6 shall be given and the referendum conducted in the manner
 7 provided by the general election law. The notice of the
 8 election shall state the purpose of the referendum, describe
 9 the territory proposed to be organized as an emergency
 10 services district, and state the time of the election.

11 The proposition shall be in substantially the following
 12 form:

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14 Shall this territory (describing
 15 it) be organized as The YES
 16 Emergency Services
 17 District and shall the
 18 District be authorized to levy and -----
 19 collect a property tax not to exceed
 20 [0.20%/0.40%, as applicable] ~~.20%~~
 21 on the property situated in the NO
 22 District?

23 -----

24 The court shall cause a statement of the result to be
 25 entered of record in the court.

26 (Source: P.A. 103-134, eff. 1-1-24.)

1 (70 ILCS 2005/11)

2 Sec. 11. Property tax; fees.

3 (a) An emergency services district organized under this
4 Act may levy and collect a general tax on the property situated
5 in the district, but the aggregate amount of taxes levied for
6 any one year under this Act shall not exceed the rate of 0.20%
7 ~~.20%~~ of value for a district in Cook County, DuPage County,
8 Kane County, Lake County, McHenry County, or Will County or
9 0.80% of value for a district in counties other than Cook
10 County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake County, McHenry
11 County, or Will County, as equalized or assessed by the
12 Department of Revenue. For a district in a county other than
13 Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake County, McHenry
14 County, or Will County, no more than half of the rate (0.40%)
15 may be authorized under paragraph (iv) of Section 2.5, Section
16 4, or both and half of the rate (0.40%) under Section 11.5. The
17 board of trustees shall determine and certify the amount to be
18 levied and shall return the same to the county clerk. The
19 limitation upon the tax rate may be increased or decreased
20 under the referendum provisions of the General Revenue Law of
21 Illinois.

22 In case the district is located in more than one county,
23 the board of trustees shall determine and certify the amount
24 to be levied upon the taxable property lying in each county and
25 return the same to the respective county clerks of the

1 counties in which the amount is to be levied. In order to
2 determine the amount to be levied upon the taxable property of
3 that part of the district lying in each county, the board shall
4 ascertain from the county clerk of the respective counties in
5 which the district lies the last ascertained equalized value
6 of the taxable property of the district lying in their
7 respective counties, then shall ascertain the rate per cent
8 required and shall, accordingly, apportion the whole amount to
9 be raised between the several parts of the district so lying in
10 the different counties. The tax provided for in this Section
11 shall be levied at the same time and in the same manner as
12 nearly as practicable as taxes are now levied for municipal
13 purposes under the laws of this State.

14 All general taxes under this Act, when collected, shall be
15 paid over to the treasurer of the board of trustees, who is
16 authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

17 (b) An emergency services ~~A rescue squad~~ district
18 organized under this Act may fix, charge, and collect fees for
19 district ~~rescue squad~~ services and ambulance services within
20 or outside of the ~~rescue squad~~ district not exceeding the
21 reasonable cost of the service.

22 (Source: P.A. 103-134, eff. 1-1-24; 103-174, eff. 6-30-23;
23 revised 12-12-23.)

24 (70 ILCS 2005/11.3)

25 Sec. 11.3. Ambulance service.

1 (a) The board of trustees may provide ambulance service to
2 or from points within or without the district, contract with
3 providers of ambulance service, combine with other units of
4 local government for the purpose of providing ambulance
5 service, and adopt rules and regulations relating to ambulance
6 service within the board's jurisdiction.

7 (b) The board of trustees may:

8 (1) contract with a private person, hospital,
9 corporation, or another governmental unit for the
10 provision and operation of ambulance service or subsidize
11 the ambulance service;

12 (2) limit the number of ambulance services by
13 referendum;

14 (3) within its jurisdiction, fix, charge, and collect
15 fees for ambulance service within or outside of the ~~fire~~
16 ~~protection~~ district not exceeding the reasonable cost of
17 the service; and

18 (4) establish necessary regulations not inconsistent
19 with the statutes or regulations of the Department of
20 Public Health relating to ambulance service.

21 The board of trustees may limit the number of ambulances
22 under paragraph (2) or establish regulations under paragraph
23 (4) if a referendum under Section 11.5 has been approved.

24 (Source: P.A. 103-134, eff. 1-1-24.)

25 (70 ILCS 2005/11.4)

1 Sec. 11.4. Charge for ambulance service.

2 (a) The board of trustees of a district may fix, charge,
3 and collect fees not exceeding the reasonable cost of the
4 service for ambulance services rendered by the district within
5 or outside of the district ~~against persons who are not~~
6 ~~residents of the district and against businesses and other~~
7 ~~entities that are not located within the district.~~

8 (b) A fee charged to an individual patient under
9 subsection (a) shall be computed at a rate not to exceed \$250
10 per hour and not to exceed \$70 per hour per ambulance worker
11 responding to a call for assistance. This limitation does not
12 apply to a third-party payer, and the third-party payer shall
13 pay the charges set in subsection (a). An additional fee may be
14 charged to reimburse the district for documented extraordinary
15 expenses ~~of materials used~~ in rendering ambulance services up
16 to the reasonable cost of the materials, personnel, and
17 operating costs. No charge shall be made for services for
18 which the total charge would be less than \$50.

19 As used in this subsection, "third-party payer" means an
20 entity that provides an insurance, medical service, or health
21 plan by contract or agreement, including an automobile
22 liability insurance or no fault insurance carrier, and any
23 other plan or program that is designed to provide compensation
24 or coverage for expenses incurred by a beneficiary for health
25 care services or products.

26 (c) All revenue from the fees charged under this Section

1 shall be deposited to the district's general fund.

2 (Source: P.A. 103-134, eff. 1-1-24.)

3 (70 ILCS 2005/11.5)

4 Sec. 11.5. Ambulance service tax. Whenever the board of
5 trustees of an emergency services district desires to levy a
6 special tax to provide an ambulance service or support an
7 existing ambulance service, it shall certify the question to
8 the proper election officials, who shall submit that question
9 at an election to the voters of the district. The result of the
10 referendum shall be entered upon the records of the district.
11 If a majority of the votes on the question are in favor of the
12 question, the board of trustees may then levy a special tax at
13 a rate not to exceed 0.40% of the value of all taxable property
14 within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department
15 of Revenue. The question shall be in substantially the
16 following form:

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18 Shall the

19 Emergency Services

20 District levy a special tax at a rate YES

21 not to exceed 0.40% of the value of all

22 taxable property within the district -----

23 as equalized or assessed by the

24 Department of Revenue for the purpose NO

25 of providing or supporting an ambulance

1 service?

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3 The ~~A~~ tax levied under Section 4 ~~11~~ may be used for
4 ambulance services as well as a tax levied under this Section.

5 The aggregate percentage of all tax levies that a district may
6 levy under this Act may not exceed the aggregate percentage
7 limitation under Section 11.

8 (Source: P.A. 103-134, eff. 1-1-24.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.".