

2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1097**AMENDMENT 1097C
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to authorize transportation activities by air ambulance ~~services 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 ~~service operator~~ may use a ground ambulance to transport a
5 patient 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 ~~service operator~~ maintains its ordinary and
9 usual 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 ~~service operator~~ may utilize the ~~service's operator's~~ ground
12 ambulance for ~~a non-emergent the~~ transfer of a patient from one healthcare facility to
13 another healthcare facility if:

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

16 (2) The ~~use of an operator is unable to use the operator's~~ air ambulance ~~is precluded~~
17 to transport the patient due to:

18 (a) Mechanical ~~issues problems~~; or

19 (b) ~~Weather issues~~ Inclement weather conditions; ~~and~~

20 ~~(3) The area's primary ambulance service provider is first given the opportunity to~~
21 ~~transport the patient and is unable to begin the transport:~~

22 ~~(a) Within thirty minutes; or~~

23 ~~(b) Within the period of time approved by the patient's attending medical~~
24 ~~practitioner.~~