



2024 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Bill 1097**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

**Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-11:**

An air ambulance operator may use a ground ambulance to transport a patient between:

- (1) An acute care hospital and the airport at which the service maintains its ordinary and usual place of business; and
- (2) The airport at which the air ambulance operator maintains its ordinary and usual place of business and an acute care hospital.

**Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-11:**

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

- (1) The patient's attending medical practitioner determines that the patient requires a level of care that is not available without a transfer; and
- (2) The operator is unable to use the operator's air ambulance to transport the patient due to:
  - (a) Mechanical problems; or
  - (b) Inclement weather conditions.

An Act to authorize transportation activities by air ambulance operators.

I certify that the attached Act originated in the:  
House as Bill No. 1097

Received at this Executive Office this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_ for the Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2024

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Office of the Secretary of State

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_ M.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State

House Bill No. 1097  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State