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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Senator Roy M. Ehrlich at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 6, 19 86 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Bill Wolff, Norman Furse, Clarene Wilms

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The chairman called the committee to order and announced continued hearings on HCR 5013. No further conferees appeared.

The chairman called the attention of the committee to the proposed bill 5 RS 1767 by Senator Burke. The committee had been requested to introduce this bill. Senator Morris moved that the committee introduce this bill with a second by Senator Kerr. Motion carried. Attachment I

Meeting adjourned.

SENATE
PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. _____

By Senator Burke

AN ACT concerning townships; authorizing rescue services provided through township fire departments; amending K.S.A. 80-1423, 80-1424, 80-1425, 80-1426, 80-1427 and 80-1428 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. As used in K.S.A. 80-1423 to 80-1428, inclusive, and amendments to these sections:

(a) "Rescue service" means a service which provides emergency care by qualified personnel through a township fire department.

(b) "Emergency care" means the services provided after the onset of a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to: (1) Place the patient's health in serious jeopardy; (2) seriously impair bodily functions; or (3) result in serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

(c) "Qualified personnel" means any individual who holds a certificate as a crash injury management technician, an emergency medical technician, an emergency medical technician-intermediate or a mobile intensive care technician, as these terms are defined in K.S.A. 65-4301 and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 80-1423 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-1423. The township board of any township may establish and operate as a township function an ambulance service or rescue service, or both, within or without such township or may contract with any city, county, person, firm or corporation for the furnishing of ambulance services or rescue services, or both, within all or any part of the township upon such terms and

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conditions, and for such compensation as may be agreed upon.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 80-1424 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-1424. The township board of such township may establish charges to persons utilizing the ambulance service or rescue service inside or outside of such district. The charges so made and received shall be deposited in the general funds of such township, and the same may be used in addition to funds received under the tax levies authorized by this act.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 80-1425 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-1425. The township board of such township is authorized to levy taxes for ambulance service or rescue service purposes but shall not fix a rate of levy in any one year exceeding two mills. No levy shall be made under the provisions of this act until a resolution authorizing the making of such levies be passed by the township board by publication for three successive issues in a newspaper of general circulation within the township, whereupon such levies may be made unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the registered voters of such township as determined by the vote for secretary of state in the last preceding election, is filed with the township clerk of such township within 30 days following the last publication of the resolution.

In the event such petition is filed it shall be the duty of the township board to submit the question to the voters at an election called for such purpose or at the next general election. The levy herein authorized for ambulance purposes or rescue service purposes, or both, shall be in addition to all other tax levies authorized or limited by law and shall not be subject to or within the aggregate tax levy limit prescribed by K.S.A. 79-1962, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 80-1426 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-1426. Any operating funds of such township may be used for the operation of an ambulance service, or rescue service, or both, together with any funds received under such contracts. Any township board shall have the authority to

purchase ambulances and equipment and equipment for a rescue service and to pay therefor with funds of the township.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 80-1427 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-1427. The township board of such township shall establish minimum standards for the operation and equipping of ambulances and rescue services, or both, and for the qualifications and training of any personnel operating such ambulances~~---Provided, That~~ or rescue service, or both. No person shall act as an ambulance driver or attendant unless such person shall have completed a basic course in first-aid or a comparable course in life support procedures.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 80-1428 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-1428. The township board of any township is hereby authorized and empowered to furnish ambulance service or rescue service, or both, within or without the boundaries of such district.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 80-1423, 80-1424, 80-1425, 80-1426, 80-1427 and 80-1428 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.