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## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Tracking No. 0250-24

DATE: November 20, 2024

RE: **AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING  
THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICE SCHEDULE OF FEES**

### **PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION:**

to approve a Schedule of Fees for the  
Navajo Department of Emergency Medical Service.

### **FINAL AUTHORITY and VOTE REQUIREMENT:**

The Budget and Finance Committee has final authority.  
A simple majority vote is required.

OLC No. 24-418-1

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD 11/11/24  
Website Posting Time/Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Posting End Date: 11/26/24  
Eligible for Action: 11/27/24

Law & Order Committee  
Thence  
Budget & Finance Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024

Introduced by:



(Prime Sponsor)

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**AN ACTION**  
**RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND THE**  
**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE NAVAJO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEDULE OF FEES**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the authority to oversee the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety and its subordinate departments such as the Navajo Department of Emergency Medical Service. 2 N.N.C. §600(C)(5).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with authority to review and recommend matters relating to the budgeting, appropriation, investment, and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §301(B)(2).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee generally has authority for approving Fund Management Plans for Navajo Nation program funds, pursuant to the recommendations of the appropriate oversight committee and the affected division or branch. 2 N.N.C. §301(B)(14).
- D. A "Schedule of Fees" is quite similar to a Fund Management Plan for Navajo Nation programs that generate proprietary funds. Therefore, it is legally appropriate for the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the proposed Fee Schedule for the Navajo Department of

Emergency Medical Service, after recommendation of such approval by the Department and the Department's oversight committee, the Law and Order Committee.

## **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

A. The Navajo Department of Emergency Medical Service ("EMS") is established as a department within the Navajo Division of Public Safety. EMS provides a fully integrated, high performance emergency medical services delivery system that provides ambulance response, critical and immediate life-support, pre-hospital care and education, inter-facility transport services, and medical transportation.

B. EMS provides emergency care education and training to the public.

C. EMS proposes to establish a Fee Schedule to allow for the collection of revenue from third party sources, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and consumers. This revenue generated is critical for EMS to supplement its annual budget, in order to optimize and sustain EMS services across the Navajo Nation.

D. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and the public for EMS to establish a Fee Schedule for EMS' collection of revenue from providing critical public services and emergency transportation.

## **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEDULE OF FEES**

A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the "Schedule of Fees" for the Navajo Department of Emergency Medical Service, attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**.

B. The approved Schedule of Fees shall remain in effect unless and until rescinded or amended by recommendation of EMS and the Law and Order Committee and final action by the Budget and Finance Committee.

## **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Action and the approved Schedule of Fees attached hereto as EXHIBIT A shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221(C).

1   **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

2   If any part of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by a  
3   District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the  
4   remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.