

Senate Engrossed House Bill

ground ambulances; registration

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CHAPTER 212

HOUSE BILL 2787

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-2212, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 36-2212, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT; RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-2212, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-2212. Certificate of registration to operate an ambulance;
5 termination on change in ownership; fees;
6 exemption

7 A. A person shall not operate an ambulance in this state unless the
8 ambulance has a certificate of registration and complies with this article
9 and the rules, standards and criteria adopted pursuant to this article.

10 B. A person may obtain a certificate of registration to operate an
11 ambulance by submitting an application on a form prescribed by the
12 director and by demonstrating to the director's satisfaction that the
13 applicant is in compliance with this article and all rules, standards and
14 criteria adopted by the director for the operation of an ambulance.

15 C. A certificate of registration issued under this section
16 terminates ~~upon~~ ON any change of ownership or control of the
17 ambulance. Following any change of ownership, the new owner of an
18 ambulance shall apply for and receive a new certificate of registration
19 from the director before the ambulance may again be operated in this
20 state. This subsection does not apply if an ambulance service borrows,
21 leases, rents or otherwise obtains a registered ambulance from another
22 ambulance service to temporarily replace an inoperable ambulance.

23 D. The department shall issue a certificate of registration to a
24 person ~~who~~ THAT complies with the requirements of this article and ~~who~~
25 THAT pays an initial registration fee. A certificate of registration is
26 valid for one year. ~~However,~~ BUT an ambulance service may request that
27 the department issue an initial certificate of registration that expires
28 before the end of one year in order for the department to conduct an
29 annual inspection of all of the ambulance service's ambulances at one
30 time. A person may renew a certificate of registration by complying with
31 the requirements of this article and by paying a renewal fee prescribed by
32 the director. The fee for initial registration and registration renewal
33 shall not exceed ~~fifty dollars~~ \$50 for each ambulance. The department
34 shall base these fees on an amount that approximates the per vehicle costs
35 incurred by the department to administer this chapter. The director shall
36 deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, fees collected under this
37 subsection in the state general fund. The department shall not charge a
38 registration fee for an ambulance to an ambulance service that operates an
39 ambulance or ambulances only as a volunteer not-for-profit service.

40 E. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF
41 REGISTRATION IS VALID PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, IF THE
42 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION HOLDER TIMELY SUBMITS A COMPLETE RENEWAL
43 APPLICATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE AND THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT
44 TO THIS ARTICLE AND THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO PERFORM AN INSPECTION OF
45 AN AMBULANCE WITHIN THE TIME FRAME PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 36-2232,

1 SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 13, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW AN AMBULANCE'S
2 REGISTRATION TO REMAIN VALID AND IN EFFECT UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT COMPLETES
3 THE REQUIRED INSPECTION.

4 Sec. 2. Section 36-2212, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by
5 section 1 of this act, is amended to read:

6 36-2212. Certificate of registration to operate an ambulance;
7 termination on change in ownership; fees

8 A. A person shall not operate an ambulance in this state unless the
9 ambulance has a certificate of registration and complies with this article
10 and the rules, standards and criteria adopted pursuant to this article.

11 B. A person may obtain a certificate of registration to operate an
12 ambulance by submitting an application on a form prescribed by the
13 director and by demonstrating to the director's satisfaction that the
14 applicant is in compliance with this article and all rules, standards and
15 criteria adopted by the director for the operation of an ambulance.

16 C. A certificate of registration issued under this section
17 terminates on any change of ownership or control of the
18 ambulance. Following any change of ownership, the new owner of an
19 ambulance shall apply for and receive a new certificate of registration
20 from the director before the ambulance may again be operated in this
21 state. This subsection does not apply if an ambulance service borrows,
22 leases, rents or otherwise obtains a registered ambulance from another
23 ambulance service to temporarily replace an inoperable ambulance.

24 D. The department shall issue a certificate of registration to a
25 person that complies with the requirements of this article and that pays
26 an initial registration fee. A certificate of registration is valid for
27 one year, but an ambulance service may request that the department issue
28 an initial certificate of registration that expires before the end of one
29 year in order for the department to conduct an annual inspection of all of
30 the ambulance service's ambulances at one time. A person may renew a
31 certificate of registration by complying with the requirements of this
32 article and by paying a renewal fee prescribed by the director. The fee
33 for initial registration and registration renewal shall not exceed \$50 for
34 each ambulance. The department shall base these fees on an amount that
35 approximates the per vehicle costs incurred by the department to
36 administer this chapter. The director shall deposit, pursuant to sections
37 35-146 and 35-147, fees collected under this subsection in the state
38 general fund. The department shall not charge a registration fee for an
39 ambulance to an ambulance service that operates an ambulance or ambulances
40 only as a volunteer not-for-profit service.

41 Sec. 3. Ambulance registration renewal applications;
42 corrective action; delayed repeal

43 A. For an active certificate of necessity holder that failed to
44 submit registration renewal applications with the department of health
45 services, whose certificates of registration lapsed between March 31, 2022

1 and August 1, 2024 and whose ambulances are now registered in accordance
2 with section 36-2212, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of
3 this act, the department of health services shall consider the expired
4 registration of those ambulances as valid and in effect during the period
5 the certificates of registration were expired if the certificate of
6 necessity holder pays to the department all lapsed application fees that
7 are owed for the time period in which the certificates of registration had
8 lapsed and were not renewed.

9 B. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2025.

10 Sec. 4. Effective date

11 Section 36-2212, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2
12 of this act, is effective from and after December 31, 2025.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 13, 2025.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 13, 2025.