

Amendment No. 1s (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW

11 The Committee on Local Government & Veterans Affairs offered  
12 the following:

14 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 Remove everything after the enacting clause

17 and insert:

18 Section 1. Section 125.271, Florida Statutes, is  
19 created to read:

20 125.271 Emergency medical services; county emergency  
21 medical service assessments.--

22 (1) As used in this section, the term "county" means:

23 (a) A county that is within a rural area of critical  
24 economic concern as designated by the Governor pursuant to s.  
25 288.0656;

26 (b) A small county having a population of 75,000 or  
27 fewer on the effective date of this act which has levied at  
28 least 10 mills of ad valorem tax for the previous fiscal year;  
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30 (c) A county that adopted an ordinance authorizing the  
31 imposition of an assessment for emergency medical services

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1 prior to January 1, 2002.

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3 Once a county has qualified under this subsection, it always  
4 retains the qualification.

5 (2) A county may fund the costs of emergency medical  
6 services through the levy of a special assessment that  
7 apportions the cost among the property based on a reasonable  
8 methodology that charges a parcel in proportion to its  
9 benefits.

10 (3) The authorization provided in this section shall  
11 be construed to be general law authorization pursuant to ss. 1  
12 and 9 of Art. VII of the State Constitution.

13 (4) All special assessments for emergency medical  
14 services levied by a county prior to the effective date of  
15 this section are ratified and validated in all respects if  
16 they would have been valid had this section been in effect at  
17 the time they were levied.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
19 law.

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22 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 1, line 2,

25 remove: the entire title

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27 and insert:

28 An act relating to county emergency medical  
29 service assessments; creating s. 125.271, F.  
30 S.; defining the term "county" as used in this  
31 section; providing for permanent qualification

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1           for funding emergency medical services through  
2           a special assessment levied as described in  
3           this act; providing construction; providing for  
4           the ratification and validation of certain  
5           special assessments levied before the effective  
6           date of this act; providing an effective date.  
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