AN ACT to create 256.15 (4m) of the statutes; relating to: upgrading service levels for ambulances in rural areas.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows a rural ambulance service provider to upgrade its service level to the highest level of license of any emergency medical technician staffing that ambulance if the medical director approves a proposal submitted to him or her by the rural ambulance service provider. The bill allows a rural ambulance service provider that upgrades its service to advertise only for the level of service the provider is able to provide 24 hours per day.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 256.15 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

256.15 (4m) UPGRADE TO AMBULANCE SERVICE LEVEL. (a) In this subsection, “rural ambulance service provider” means an ambulance service provider for which the population of the largest single municipality, as defined in s. 5.02 (11), in the ambulance service provider’s service area is less than 10,000.
(b) An ambulance operated by a rural ambulance service provider that is licensed under sub. (5) at any level may upgrade its service level to the highest level of license of any emergency medical technician staffing that ambulance if the medical director approves a proposal submitted to him or her by the rural ambulance service provider.

(c) A rural ambulance service provider that upgrades its service under par. (b) may advertise only the level of service that the rural ambulance service provider is able to provide 24 hours per day.

(END)