



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1523/P1  
EVM:cde

DOA:.....Quinn, BB0504 - Allow towns to fund emergency medical services  
**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT** ...; **relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

***Provision and funding of emergency medical services by towns***

This bill authorizes a town to contract for or maintain emergency medical services for the town. The bill also authorizes a town to do any of the following for the purpose of funding these emergency medical services:

1. Appropriate money.
2. Charge property owners a fee for the cost of emergency medical services provided to their property according to a written schedule established by the town board.
3. Levy taxes on the entire town.
4. Levy taxes on property served by a particular source of emergency medical services, to support the source of emergency medical services.

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

**SECTION 1.** 60.565 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

**60.565** (title) **Ambulance Emergency medical service and ambulance service.**

**SECTION 2.** 60.565 of the statutes is renumbered 60.565 (1) (a) and amended to read:

60.565 (1) (a) The town board shall contract for or operate and maintain ambulance services unless such services are provided by another person. If the town board contracts for ambulance services, it may contract with one or more providers. ~~The town board may determine and charge a reasonable fee for ambulance service provided under this section.~~

(c) The town board may purchase equipment for medical and other emergency calls.

**SECTION 3.** 60.565 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

60.565 (1) (b) The town board may contract for or maintain emergency medical services for the town. If the town board contracts for emergency medical services, it may contract with one or more providers.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: To give full effect to your request, it appears that towns will need specific authority to provide emergency medical services. I used existing s. 60.565 as a model.

**SECTION 4.** 60.565 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

60.565 (2) FUNDING. (a) The town board may determine and charge a reasonable fee for ambulance services provided under sub. (1) (a).

(b) The town board may do any of the following for the purpose of funding emergency medical services under sub. (1) (b):

1. Appropriate money.
2. Charge property owners a fee for the cost of emergency medical services provided to their property according to a written schedule established by the town board.
3. Levy taxes on the entire town.

4. Levy taxes on property served by a particular source of emergency medical services, to support the source of emergency medical services.

**(END)**