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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 191)

Passed Senate, Date <sup>(P.760)</sup> 3/21/95 Passed House, Date <sup>(P.1383)</sup> 4-10-95  
Vote: Ayes 50 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 95 Nays 0  
Approved May 1, 1995

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act authorizing townships to provide emergency medical  
2 services.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 359.42, Code 1995, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 359.42 TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE, EMERGENCY WARNING  
4 SYSTEM, AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

5 The trustees of each township shall provide fire protection  
6 service for the township, exclusive of any part of the  
7 township within a benefited fire district and ~~in counties not~~  
8 ~~providing ambulance services~~, may provide ambulance emergency  
9 medical service. The trustees may purchase, own, rent, or  
10 maintain fire protection service or ambulance emergency  
11 medical service apparatus or equipment or both kinds of  
12 apparatus or equipment and provide housing for the equipment.  
13 The trustees of a township which is located within a county  
14 having a population of three hundred thousand or more may also  
15 establish and maintain an emergency warning system within the  
16 township. The trustees may contract with a public or private  
17 agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing any  
18 service or system required or authorized under this section.

19 Sec. 2. Section 359.43, subsection 1, Code 1995, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 1. The township trustees may levy an annual tax not  
22 exceeding forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of  
23 assessed value of the taxable property in the township,  
24 excluding property within a benefited fire district or within  
25 the corporate limits of a city, for the purpose of exercising  
26 the powers and duties specified in section 359.42. However,  
27 in a township having a fire protection service or ambulance  
28 emergency medical service agreement or both service agreements  
29 with a special charter city having a paid fire department, the  
30 township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-  
31 four cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the  
32 taxable property for the services authorized or required under  
33 section 359.42 and in a township which is located within a  
34 county having a population of three hundred thousand or more,  
35 the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding

1 sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of  
2 assessed value of taxable property for the services authorized  
3 or required under section 359.42.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill authorizes townships to provide emergency medical  
6 care. Currently, townships may provide ambulance service if  
7 the county does not provide the ambulance service.

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with a special charter city having a paid fire department, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-four cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property for the services authorized or required under section 359.42 and in a township which is located within a county having a population of three hundred thousand or more, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of taxable property for the services authorized or required under section 359.42.

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LEONARD L. BOSWELL  
President of the Senate

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RON J. CORBETT  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 280, Seventy-sixth General Assembly.

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JOHN F. DWYER  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved  , 1995

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Governor