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§ 2546. Ambulance Fee Account.

(a) The Department of Finance shall establish three accounts to be known as the “Ambulance Fee Revolving Fund Accounts” for deposit of ambulance fees collected by the Department of Fire and EMS in accordance with its rules and regulations. The fees collected from each Senatorial district shall be deposited to each respective account.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds collected and deposited pursuant to subsection (a) shall be expended continuously without further appropriation and specifically for the repair, maintenance and upgrade of ambulance and rescue vehicles, purchase of EMS and rescue equipment and supplies such as “Jaws of Life” rescue and supplies as well as for ambulance rescue personnel continuing education and training. The expenditure authority of each Ambulance Fee Revolving Fund shall submit a financial report to the Governor and the Presiding Officers of both Houses within 30 days after disbursement.

(c) The expenditure authority for funds from the Ambulance Fee Revolving Fund Account shall be the Commissioner of Fire and Emergency Medical Services for Saipan, the Resident Deputy Commissioner of Fire and Emergency Medical Services for Rota and Tinian respectively in consultation with the Commissioner of Fire and EMS and Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Emergency Medical Services.

Source: PL 12-6, § 3, modified; amended by PL 13-12, §2 (1), modified; (a) and (c) amended by PL 18-73 § 4(e) (Jan. 25, 2015), modified.

Commission Comment: PL 12-6 that created this article took effect on June 5, 2000. PL 12-6 contained short title, findings, severability, and savings clause provisions as follows:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the “CNMI Ambulance Fee Act of 2000.”

Section 2. Findings. The Legislature finds that the Department of Public Health collects a fee for providing ambulance services. The fees are then deposited into the general fund. The Legislature finds it in the best interest of the Commonwealth that such fees should be reserved for ambulance vehicle repair, maintenance, and upgrades such as the purchase of EMS and Rescue equipment and supplies, as well as for personnel continuing education and training.

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Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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Section 5. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

PL 13-12 took effect June 25, 2002 and contained findings, severability, and savings clauses. According to PL 13-12:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the repair, maintenance and upgrading of ambulance equipment and supplies is a necessary but continuous process and the time-consuming task of making separate appropriations for these life-saving essentials is unnecessary.

The Commission struck the figure “(3)” from subsection (a) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(e\)](#). The Commission corrected “deposit” to “deposited” in subsection (a) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#).