1	Senate Bill No. 400
2	(By Senators Laird, Miller and Unger)
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4	[Introduced January 21, 2014; referred to the Committee on Health
5	and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.]
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11	adding thereto a new section, designated $\$5-16-8a$, relating to
12	air-ambulance fees paid by the West Virginia Public Employees
13	Insurance Agency.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
16	by adding thereto a new section, designated $\$5-16-8a$, to read as
17	follows:
18	ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.
19	§5-16-8a. Air-ambulance fees.
20	(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the
21	contrary, any air-ambulance provider which does not have a contract
22	with the plan and which provides air-transportation or related
23	emergency or treatment services, or both, to an employee or
24	dependent of an employee covered by the plan, may not collect from

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1 the plan and the covered employee or dependent of the employee, a 2 combined amount for those services which exceeds the reimbursement 3 amount then in effect for the federal Medicare program, including 4 any applicable Geographic Practice Cost Index.

5 (b) If an air-ambulance provider has collected a subscription 6 fee from an employee or dependent of an employee covered by the 7 plan, the air-ambulance provider shall accept that subscription fee 8 as payment in full for any air-ambulance transport and related 9 emergency or treatment services which the air-ambulance provider 10 may provide to that employee or dependent of the employee. For 11 purposes of this section, a subscription fee is a fee collected by 12 an air-ambulance provider from a person in advance of any immediate 13 need for air-ambulance services.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide the maximum amount for air-ambulance services which may be collected pursuant to the plans of the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.

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