

(3) (I) THE INSTITUTE SHALL PAY ALL FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE.

(II) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FEES TO THE FUND.

(4) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO COVER THE ACTUAL DOCUMENTED DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF FULFILLING THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DUTIES OF THE INSTITUTE AS PROVIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(5) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND, NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(6) ANY UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE, BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

(7) (I) A DESIGNEE OF THE INSTITUTE SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(II) MONEYS IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(8) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(f) The Institute may inspect the operating base, equipment, supplies, and company procedures necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section and all regulations adopted by the Institute under this section.

(g) Subject to the hearing provisions of subsection (h) of this section, the Institute may deny an application for an ambulance service license or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee violates any provision of this section or any regulation adopted by the Institute under this section.

(h) Before the Institute takes any final action under subsection (g) of this section, the Institute shall give the person against whom the action is contemplated an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of § 10-226 of the State Government Article.

(i) The Institute may waive the requirements of this section for any ambulance service:

(1) Licensed in another state if the ambulance service provides adequate evidence that the ambulance service is licensed in the other state after meeting requirements that are at least as stringent as the licensing requirements of this State; or

(2) That transports patients into this State only on an occasional basis as determined by the Institute.