

"AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ACT 435 OF 1975 AS AMENDED, [ARK. STATS. 82-3401 ET SEQ.], THE 'EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT'; TO AUTHORIZE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL TO REGULATE AIR AMBULANCES AND AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of Section 2 of Act 435 of 1975 as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 82-3402 (1), is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(1) (i) 'Ambulance' means those vehicles specifically designed, equipped and licensed for use in transporting the acutely ill or injured.  
(ii) 'Air ambulance' means those aircraft, fixed or rotary wing, utilized for on-scene responses or transports deemed necessary by a physician and licensed by the Department.  
(iii) 'Air ambulance service' means those services authorized and licensed by the Department to provide care and air transportation of patients."

SECTION 2. Subsection (5) of Section 5 of Act 435 of 1975, the same being Arkansas Statutes 82-3405 (5), is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "(5) (i) Operational standards for providers of ambulance and/or Advanced Life Support rescue services, including reporting requirements;  
(ii) Standards for air ambulance and air ambulance services."

SECTION 3. Paragraph (5) of subsection (B) of Section 6 of Act 435 of 1975 as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 82-3406 (B)(5), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(5) Issue and renew operational permits for each ambulance or advanced life support rescue or air ambulance service, provided, no permit shall be issued unless each ambulance, Advanced Life Support rescue unit or air ambulance when in use as such shall conform with the standards, requirements, and regulations as set forth by the Board;"

SECTION 4. Subsection (A) of Section 7 of Act 435 of 1975 as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 82-3407 (A), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(6) The issuance and renewal of an operational license for each air ambulance service not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00)."

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the development of standards for air ambulances is essential to the public health, safety and welfare of the people of this State; that this Act is designed to provide for the development of such standards and that it is urgent that the provisions of this Act be implemented as soon as practical. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: 3/20/86 - Without Governor's Signature

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