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A Bill

ACT 1271 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1780

4 **By: Representatives Wagner, Rorie, Johnson and Allen**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE EMS ENHANCEMENT REVOLVING FUND."

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Subtitle

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"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE EMS ENHANCEMENT

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REVOLVING FUND."

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

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18 SECTION 1. (a) There is created on the books of the State Treasurer,
19 State Auditor, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the
20 "EMS Enhancement Revolving Fund". The EMS Enhancement Revolving Fund shall
21 consist of such revenue as may be provided for by law.

22 (b) Any funds remaining in the EMS Enhancement Revolving Fund at the
23 end of the fiscal year shall be made available for distribution as follows:

24 (1) Fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be available for
25 distribution to the eligible state licensed Emergency Medical Services through
26 a grant program managed by the Division of Emergency Medical Services and
27 Trauma Systems pursuant to Section 3 of this Act.

28 (2) Ten percent (10%) of the funds shall be authorized for use by
29 the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems for
30 administering the grant program prescribed in Section 2, as well as training,
31 education, equipment and supplies as needed to maintain staff proficiency in
32 emergency medical services and testing support.

33 (3) Five percent (5%) of the funds shall be authorized for the
34 purposes of upgrading or instituting educational training sites and the
35 increased availability of EMS training programs. The training sites must meet
36 the certification standards of the Division of Emergency Medical Services and

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1 Trauma Systems.

2 (4) Ten percent (10%) of the funds shall be authorized for the
3 purpose of instituting special projects managed by the Division of Emergency
4 Medical Services and Trauma Systems that are directed toward the improvement
5 of emergency medical services and the presentation of specialized training
6 programs. Such programs or projects shall meet the standards set forth in the
7 Department of Transportation Standard Curriculum for Emergency Medical
8 Technician Training and approved by the Division of Emergency Medical Services
9 and Trauma Systems.

10 (5) Twenty percent (20%) of the funds shall be authorized for the
11 purpose of instituting and maintaining a Trauma System and Trauma Registry.

12 (6) Five percent (5%) of the funds shall be authorized for use
13 by the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems for
14 maintaining quality emergency medical services, ensuring public safety and
15 proper medical care by inspecting and licensing ambulance services and
16 registering EMS vehicles.

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18 SECTION 2. (a) Grant requests for funds from the EMS Enhancement
19 Revolving Fund shall be reviewed by the Emergency Medical Services Advisory
20 Council specified in Arkansas Code 20-13-205 and recommendations for
21 recipients of grant funds made to the Division of Emergency Medical Services
22 and Trauma Systems.

23 (b) The grant funds shall be evenly divided between the public,
24 private, and volunteer sectors. For the purposes of this subsection the
25 public sector shall include only those applicants having paid employees. The
26 grant funds may be used to purchase or fund:

27 (1) Ambulances for use in providing emergency medical services to
28 the residents of Arkansas. Any ambulances purchased with these funds must
29 meet the standards for and be registered at the I-A level or higher level by
30 the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems.

31 (2) Rescue vehicles for use in providing Advanced Life Support
32 (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS) emergency care. Any vehicle purchased for
33 ALS must meet the standards and be registered at the Advanced Rescue Level by
34 the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems.

35 (3) Equipment required on ambulances or required to provide ALS

1 or BLS rescue services.

2 (4) Training that leads to Arkansas Certification as an Emergency
3 Medical Technician at the basic or advanced levels. Failure to obtain
4 certification will result in the repayment of funds by the grantee.

5 (5) EMS-related training approved by the Division of Emergency
6 Medical Services and Trauma Systems.

7 (c) The funds may only be used to improve services by increasing the
8 capability and skills of EMS services. Funds may not be used to maintain
9 present status, pay salaries or daily operating expenses, contract for
10 services, or purchase real property.

11 (d) The funds may not be used for new services at a lower level than an
12 existing licensed service which has been in operation for more than one (1)
13 year in the service area.

14 (e) All property purchased with the funds shall be returned to the
15 Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems if the licensed
16 ambulance service ceases operations. The division shall make every effort to
17 redistribute returned property and supplies to the replacement service or
18 other eligible existing services within the same county. Should no eligible
19 service exist or another eligible service not be established in the county
20 within one (1) year, all purchases shall be redistributed by the division as
21 needed.

22 (f) Any vehicle or equipment purchased with these funds must be used
23 for its intended purpose for at least three (3) years, from its date of
24 purchase. Vehicles or equipment damaged or worn out within the three (3) year
25 period must be replaced with a like or better item at the grantee_s expense.
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27 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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31 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
33 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
35 act are declared to be severable.

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

/s/Rep. Wagner, et al

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