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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1958

5 By: Representative Wardlaw
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN EMERGENCY
9 MEDICAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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11 **Subtitle**

12 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN
13 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-266-103(2)(B), concerning the definition
20 of "nonemergency ambulance services", is amended to read as follows:

21 (B) "Nonemergency ambulance services" does not
22 include ~~not for hire on a fee for service basis~~ transportation ~~furnished~~
23 provided by licensed hospitals ~~and licensed nursing homes to that own and~~
24 operate the ambulance for their own admitted patients ~~or residents and~~
25 individual not for hire transportation.
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-266-105(a)(5), concerning grants of
28 authority, is amended to read as follows:

29 (5)(A) To regulate all intracity patient transports, all
30 intercity patient transports, and all intracounty patient transports
31 originating from within the regulating city. However, this chapter shall not
32 restrict or allow local regulation of ~~not for hire on a fee for service basis~~
33 ~~transportation or intercity patient transports to medical facilities within~~
34 ~~the regulating city originating from anywhere outside the regulating city~~
35 ambulances owned and operated by a licensed hospital for their own admitted
36 patients, except as provided in subdivisions (a)(5)(B) and (D) of this



1 section;

2 (B)(i) To regulate patient transports, by the patient's
3 choice of either the emergency medical service provided by the regulating
4 city or the emergency medical service ~~provided by the medical facility that~~
5 is owned and operated by the licensed hospital for their own admitted
6 patients, to the regulating city originating from a medical facility outside
7 the regulating city or cooperative governmental unit.

8 (ii) If the medical facility does not operate an
9 emergency medical service and the patient has chosen to be transported by the
10 medical facility, then the patient shall be transported by the emergency
11 medical service provided by the city in which the medical facility is
12 located;

13 (C) To regulate patient transports originating from within
14 the regulating city by emergency medical service providers with an existing
15 special purpose license issued by the Department of Health on the effective
16 date of this act; and

17 (D) To regulate patient transports authorized by the
18 regulating city's franchised emergency medical service provider ~~if the~~
19 provider has entered into a mutual aid agreement with a third-party ambulance
20 service, including without limitation a hospital-owned ambulance service to
21 provide patient transports if the franchised emergency medical service
22 provider ~~is not able to~~ cannot provide patient transports in a timely manner
23 under the franchise agreement.

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25 /s/Wardlaw

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