Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 1033 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H3/14/17

A Bill

Regular Session, 2017

By: Representative Brown

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY SERVICES; TO EXEMPT WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTATION FROM LICENSURE AS AN AMBULANCE; TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR THE STATE’S MEDICAL PATIENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO EXEMPT WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTATION FROM LICENSURE AS AN AMBULANCE; AND TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR THE STATE’S MEDICAL PATIENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202(3) and (4), concerning the definitions of "ambulance" and "ambulance services" within the Emergency Medical Services Act, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) "Ambulance" means a vehicle used for transporting any person by stretcher or gurney upon the streets or highways of Arkansas, excluding vehicles intended solely for personal use by immediate family members;

(B) "Ambulance" does not include nonemergency transportation vehicles that may accommodate an individual in an upright position or Fowler’s position while in a wheelchair without the aid of emergency medical services personnel;

(4) "Ambulance services" means these services authorized and
licensed by the department to provide care and transportation of patients
upon the streets and highways of Arkansas;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202, concerning definitions under the
Emergency Medical Services Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions to
read as follows:

(9) "Fowler’s position" means a position in which an individual
is in an inclined position with his or her head raised between thirty to
ninety degrees (30°-90°); and

(10) "Wheelchair" means a chair fitted with wheels that is not
height adjustable and that is used by individuals with walking limitations as
a result of illness, injury, or disability.

/s/Brown

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