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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Brown
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
10 COMPANY SERVICES; TO EXEMPT WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTATION
11 FROM LICENSURE AS AN AMBULANCE; TO PRESERVE AND
12 ENHANCE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR THE
13 STATE'S MEDICAL PATIENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 LICENSURE AS AN AMBULANCE; AND TO
19 PRESERVE AND ENHANCE ACCESS TO
20 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR THE STATE'S
21 MEDICAL PATIENTS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202(3) and (4), concerning the
27 definitions of "ambulance" and "ambulance services" within the Emergency
28 Medical Services Act, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

36 (4) "Ambulance services" means ~~those~~ services authorized and



1 *licensed by the department to provide care and transportation of patients*
2 *upon the streets and highways of Arkansas;*

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

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

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

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14 */s/Brown*

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