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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1780

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE EMS ENHANCEMENT REVOLVING FUND."  
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## Subtitle

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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  
20 the "EMS Enhancement Revolving Fund". The EMS Enhancement Revolving Fund  
21 shall *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  
26 through a grant program managed by the Division of Emergency Medical Services  
27 and 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

1 meet the certification standards of the Division of Emergency Medical  
2 Services and Trauma Systems.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33           (2) Rescue vehicles for use in providing Advanced Life Support  
34 (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS) emergency care. Any vehicle purchased for  
35 ALS must meet the standards and be registered at the Advanced Rescue Level by

1 the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems.

2 (3) Equipment required on ambulances or required to provide ALS  
3 or BLS rescue services.

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

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

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

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

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

24 (f) Any vehicle or equipment purchased with these funds must be used  
25 for its intended purpose for at least three (3) years, from its date of  
26 purchase. Vehicles or equipment damaged or worn out within the three (3)  
27 year period must be replaced with a like or better item at the grantee's  
28 expense.

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30 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
31 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
32 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
3 act are declared to be severable.

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

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*/s/Rep. Wagner, et al*

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