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2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 2149

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5 By: Representatives Prater, Agee, Cleveland  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING TRANSPORT SERVICES  
10 ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED AS AMBULANCE SERVICES;  
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13 **Subtitle**

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2 is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 "20-13-213. Transport services.

25 (a) Persons who and entities which, on April 6, 1999, transport persons  
26 by stretcher or gurney are not thereby providing ambulance services provided  
27 the persons being transported are not suffering from a medical emergency. The  
28 vehicles used for such transport by such persons and entities shall not be  
29 deemed to be ambulances for purposes of the Emergency Medical Services Act but  
30 shall meet standards prescribed by Department of Health regulations.

31 (b) The provisions of this section do not apply outside the areas being  
32 served on April 6, 1999 by the persons and entities described in subsection  
33 (a)."

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35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
36 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
10 hereby repealed.

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12 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
13 Eighty-second General Assembly that Act 60 of 1999 will have the effect of  
14 prohibiting legitimate businesses that now exist to transport persons who do  
15 not need an ambulance for transportation; that this act will allow the  
16 continuation of those services; and that since Act 60 is already in effect,  
17 this act must go into effect as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is  
18 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the  
19 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on  
20 the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor  
21 vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the  
22 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is  
23 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective  
24 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

25 /s/ Prater, et al