

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TRAINING OF EMERGENCY
10 MEDICAL TECHNICIANS REGARDING TRANSPORT OF
11 PATIENTS TO APPROPRIATE HOSPITALS; TO REQUIRE THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAINTAIN A LIST OF
13 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT HOSPITALS
14 THAT RECEIVE EMERGENCY PATIENTS; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TRAINING OF
19 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS REGARDING
20 TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS TO APPROPRIATE
21 HOSPITALS.
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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 § 20-13-209 is amended to read as follows:
27 20-13-209. Department of Health - Powers and duties.

28 The Department of Health shall ~~have the responsibility and authority~~
29 ~~to~~:

- 30 (1) Administer the provisions of this subchapter;
31 (2) Enforce the rules, regulations, and standards promulgated by
32 the board for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this
33 subchapter;
34 (3) Employ and prescribe the duties of employees as may be
35 necessary to administer the provisions of this subchapter;
36 (4) Certify emergency medical technicians as defined in § 20-13-



1 202 through;

2 (A) ~~use~~ Use of a national competency examination by
3 qualified examiners upon the completion of required curriculum; and

4 (B) Training in transporting patients to hospitals
5 appropriate for the treatment of injuries likely to arise in emergency
6 situations;

7 (5)(A) Issue and renew operational permits for each ambulance or
8 advanced life support rescue or air ambulance service.

9 (B) However, no permit shall be issued unless each
10 ambulance, advanced life support rescue unit, or air ambulance, when in use
11 as such, conforms with the standards, requirements, and regulations as set
12 forth by the board;

13 (6) Issue initial and renewal licenses to qualified applicants
14 who provide emergency medical services or advanced life support rescue
15 services, whether the applicant is an individual, partnership, corporation,
16 or other legal entity, as well as a municipality or other unit of government;

17 (7) Assist area health planning in the establishment and
18 operation of local, municipal, county, or district emergency medical
19 services;

20 (8) In addition to collecting fees pursuant to § 20-13-211,
21 accept public and private gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of
22 administering the provisions of this subchapter; ~~and~~

23 (9)(A) Engage in the development of dispatching capabilities for
24 emergency ambulance services in this state.

25 (B) The emergency medical services provider shall make a
26 reasonable effort to see that a patient is:

27 (i) Informed about the appropriate hospital for the
28 patient's injury; and

29 (ii) ~~taken to~~ Taken to:

30 (a) The most appropriate hospital for
31 treatment of the patient's injury; or

32 (b) a A physician or hospital of the patient's
33 choice, if within a reasonable distance; and

34 (10)(A) Maintain a list of:

35 (i) Hospitals that receive emergency patients; and

36 (ii) Emergency medical services available at

1 hospitals that receive emergency patients.

2 (B) The list shall be:

3 (i) Posted on the department’s website; and

4 (ii) Mailed at least quarterly to emergency medical
5 services technicians.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-13-211 is amended to read as follows:
8 20-13-211. Fees.

9 The State Board of Health may establish the fees to be charged by the
10 Department of Health which are deemed necessary to defray the cost of
11 administering and enforcing the provisions of this subchapter, as follows:

12 (1) The testing fee not to exceed the cost of:

13 (A) ~~administering~~ Administering the Emergency Medical
14 Technician National Registry Examination; and

15 (B) Testing emergency medical technicians regarding
16 transportation of patients to hospitals appropriate for treatment of injuries
17 suffered in emergency situations;

18 (2)(A) The certification fee for emergency medical technicians,
19 ~~which~~ shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) plus the actual cost of updating
20 and mailing the list required under § 20-13-209(10).

21 (B) The certification shall be valid for two (2) years;

22 (3) The biennial renewal of the emergency medical technician
23 certification, which shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00);

24 (4) The issuance and annual renewal of an operational permit for
25 each ambulance service, which shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00);

26 (5) The annual inspection and permitting of emergency vehicles,
27 which shall not exceed five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle; and

28 (6) The issuance and renewal of an operational license for each
29 air ambulance service, which shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

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