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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 ~~those~~ 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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