

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1958

By: Representative Wardlaw

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-266-103(2)(B), concerning the definition of "nonemergency ambulance services", is amended to read as follows:

(B) "Nonemergency ambulance services" does not include ~~not for hire on a fee for service basis~~ transportation ~~furnished provided~~ by licensed hospitals ~~and licensed nursing homes to that own and operate the ambulance for~~ their own admitted patients ~~or residents and individual not for hire transportation~~.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-266-105(a)(5), concerning grants of authority, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) To regulate all intracity patient transports, all intercity patient transports, and all intracounty patient transports originating from within the regulating city. However, this chapter shall not restrict or allow local regulation of ~~not for hire on a fee for service basis transportation or intercity patient transports to medical facilities within the regulating city originating from anywhere outside the regulating city~~ ambulances owned and operated by a licensed hospital for their own admitted patients, except as provided in subdivisions (a)(5)(B) and (D) of this



section;

(B)(i) To regulate patient transports, by the patient's choice of either the emergency medical service provided by the regulating city or the emergency medical service ~~provided by the medical facility that is owned and operated by the licensed hospital for their own admitted patients~~, to the regulating city originating from a medical facility outside the regulating city or cooperative governmental unit.

(ii) If the medical facility does not operate an emergency medical service and the patient has chosen to be transported by the medical facility, then the patient shall be transported by the emergency medical service provided by the city in which the medical facility is located;

(C) To regulate patient transports originating from within the regulating city by emergency medical service providers with an existing special purpose license issued by the Department of Health on the effective date of this act; and

(D) To regulate patient transports authorized by the regulating city's franchised emergency medical service provider ~~if the provider has entered into a mutual aid agreement with a third-party ambulance service, including without limitation a hospital-owned ambulance service to provide patient transports~~ if the franchised emergency medical service provider ~~is not able to~~ cannot provide patient transports in a timely manner under the franchise agreement.

/s/Wardlaw