

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

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# A Bill

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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*