

HB2358



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HB2358

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 50/2

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 5502

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that the Legislature finds and declares that emergency medical services are essential services in the State of Illinois.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act
5 is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 5502)

7 Sec. 2. Legislative intent; construction of Act. The
8 Legislature finds and declares that emergency medical services
9 are essential services in the State of Illinois and it is the
10 intent of this legislation to provide the State with systems
11 for emergency medical services by establishing within the State
12 Department of Public Health a central authority responsible for
13 the coordination and integration of all activities within the
14 State concerning pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency
15 medical services, as well as non-emergency medical transports,
16 and the overall planning, evaluation, and regulation of
17 pre-hospital emergency medical services systems.

18 The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to deny
19 emergency medical services to persons outside the boundaries of
20 this State nor to limit, restrict, or prevent any cooperative
21 agreement for the provision of emergency medical services
22 between this State, or any of its political subdivisions, and
23 any other State or its political subdivisions or a federal

1 agency.

2 The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to
3 regulate the emergency transportation of persons by friends or
4 family members, in personal vehicles that are not ambulances,
5 specialized emergency medical service vehicles, first response
6 vehicles or medical carriers.

7 This legislation is intended to provide minimum standards
8 for the statewide delivery of EMS services. It is recognized,
9 however, that diversities exist between different areas of the
10 State, based on geography, location of health care facilities,
11 availability of personnel, and financial resources. The
12 Legislature therefore intends that the implementation and
13 enforcement of this Act by the Illinois Department of Public
14 Health accommodate those varying needs and interests to the
15 greatest extent possible without jeopardizing appropriate
16 standards of medical care, through the Department's exercise of
17 the waiver provision of this Act and its adoption of rules
18 pursuant to this Act.

19 (Source: P.A. 88-1; 89-177, eff. 7-19-95.)