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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2777

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2777 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems  
5 Act is amended by changing Section 3.85 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.85)

7 Sec. 3.85. Vehicle Service Providers.

8 (a) "Vehicle Service Provider" means an entity licensed by  
9 the Department to provide emergency or non-emergency medical  
10 services in compliance with this Act, the rules promulgated by  
11 the Department pursuant to this Act, and an operational plan  
12 approved by its EMS System(s), utilizing at least ambulances or  
13 specialized emergency medical service vehicles (SEMSV).

14 (1) "Ambulance" means any publicly or privately owned  
15 on-road vehicle that is specifically designed, constructed  
16 or modified and equipped, and is intended to be used for,

1 and is maintained or operated for the emergency  
2 transportation of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or  
3 otherwise incapacitated or helpless, or the non-emergency  
4 medical transportation of persons who require the presence  
5 of medical personnel to monitor the individual's condition  
6 or medical apparatus being used on such individuals.

7 (2) "Specialized Emergency Medical Services Vehicle"  
8 or "SEMSV" means a vehicle or conveyance, other than those  
9 owned or operated by the federal government, that is  
10 primarily intended for use in transporting the sick or  
11 injured by means of air, water, or ground transportation,  
12 that is not an ambulance as defined in this Act. The term  
13 includes watercraft, aircraft and special purpose ground  
14 transport vehicles or conveyances not intended for use on  
15 public roads.

16 (3) An ambulance or SEMSV may also be designated as a  
17 Limited Operation Vehicle or Special-Use Vehicle:

18 (A) "Limited Operation Vehicle" means a vehicle  
19 which is licensed by the Department to provide basic,  
20 intermediate or advanced life support emergency or  
21 non-emergency medical services that are exclusively  
22 limited to specific events or locales.

23 (B) "Special-Use Vehicle" means any publicly or  
24 privately owned vehicle that is specifically designed,  
25 constructed or modified and equipped, and is intended  
26 to be used for, and is maintained or operated solely

1 for the emergency or non-emergency transportation of a  
2 specific medical class or category of persons who are  
3 sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or  
4 helpless (e.g. high-risk obstetrical patients,  
5 neonatal patients).

6 (C) "Reserve Ambulance" means a vehicle that meets  
7 all criteria set forth in this Section and all  
8 Department rules, except for the required inventory of  
9 medical supplies and durable medical equipment, which  
10 may be rapidly transferred from a fully functional  
11 ambulance to a reserve ambulance without the use of  
12 tools or special mechanical expertise.

13 (b) The Department shall have the authority and  
14 responsibility to:

15 (1) Require all Vehicle Service Providers, both  
16 publicly and privately owned, to function within an EMS  
17 System.

18 (2) Require a Vehicle Service Provider utilizing  
19 ambulances to have a primary affiliation with an EMS System  
20 within the EMS Region in which its Primary Service Area is  
21 located, which is the geographic areas in which the  
22 provider renders the majority of its emergency responses.  
23 This requirement shall not apply to Vehicle Service  
24 Providers which exclusively utilize Limited Operation  
25 Vehicles.

26 (3) Establish licensing standards and requirements for

1 Vehicle Service Providers, through rules adopted pursuant  
2 to this Act, including but not limited to:

3 (A) Vehicle design, specification, operation and  
4 maintenance standards, including standards for the use  
5 of reserve ambulances;

6 (B) Equipment requirements;

7 (C) Staffing requirements; and

8 (D) License renewal at intervals determined by the  
9 Department, which shall be not less than every 4 years  
10 ~~Annual license renewal.~~

11 The Department's standards and requirements with  
12 respect to vehicle staffing must allow for an alternative  
13 rural staffing model for those vehicle service providers  
14 that serve a rural or semi-rural population of 10,000 or  
15 fewer inhabitants and exclusively uses volunteers,  
16 paid-on-call, or a combination thereof.

17 (4) License all Vehicle Service Providers that have met  
18 the Department's requirements for licensure, unless such  
19 Provider is owned or licensed by the federal government.  
20 All Provider licenses issued by the Department shall  
21 specify the level and type of each vehicle covered by the  
22 license (BLS, ILS, ALS, ambulance, SEMSV, limited  
23 operation vehicle, special use vehicle, reserve  
24 ambulance).

25 (5) Annually inspect all licensed vehicles operated by  
26 ~~Vehicle Service Providers, and relicense such Providers~~

1 ~~that have met the Department's requirements for license~~  
2 ~~renewal.~~

3 (6) Suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or refuse to renew  
4 the license of any Vehicle Service Provider, or that  
5 portion of a license pertaining to a specific vehicle  
6 operated by the Provider, after an opportunity for a  
7 hearing, when findings show that the Provider or one or  
8 more of its vehicles has failed to comply with the  
9 standards and requirements of this Act or rules adopted by  
10 the Department pursuant to this Act.

11 (7) Issue an Emergency Suspension Order for any  
12 Provider or vehicle licensed under this Act, when the  
13 Director or his designee has determined that an immediate  
14 and serious danger to the public health, safety and welfare  
15 exists. Suspension or revocation proceedings which offer  
16 an opportunity for hearing shall be promptly initiated  
17 after the Emergency Suspension Order has been issued.

18 (8) Exempt any licensed vehicle from subsequent  
19 vehicle design standards or specifications required by the  
20 Department, as long as said vehicle is continuously in  
21 compliance with the vehicle design standards and  
22 specifications originally applicable to that vehicle, or  
23 until said vehicle's title of ownership is transferred.

24 (9) Exempt any vehicle (except an SEMSV) which was  
25 being used as an ambulance on or before December 15, 1980,  
26 from vehicle design standards and specifications required

1 by the Department, until said vehicle's title of ownership  
2 is transferred. Such vehicles shall not be exempt from all  
3 other licensing standards and requirements prescribed by  
4 the Department.

5 (10) Prohibit any Vehicle Service Provider from  
6 advertising, identifying its vehicles, or disseminating  
7 information in a false or misleading manner concerning the  
8 Provider's type and level of vehicles, location, primary  
9 service area, response times, level of personnel,  
10 licensure status or System participation.

11 (10.5) Prohibit any Vehicle Service Provider, whether  
12 municipal, private, or hospital-owned, from advertising  
13 itself as a critical care transport provider unless it  
14 participates in a Department-approved EMS System critical  
15 care transport plan.

16 (11) Charge each Vehicle Service Provider a fee per  
17 transport vehicle, due annually at time of inspection ~~to be~~  
18 ~~submitted with each application for licensure and license~~  
19 ~~renewal~~. The fee per transport vehicle shall be set by  
20 administrative rule by the Department and shall not exceed  
21 100 vehicles per provider.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-1469, eff. 1-1-11; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11;  
23 97-1014, eff. 1-1-13.)".