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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2778

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2778 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 adding Section 3.87 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.87 new)

7 Sec. 3.87. Ambulance service upgrades; rural population.

8 (a) In this Section, "rural ambulance service provider"  
9 means an ambulance service provider licensed under this Act  
10 that serves a rural population of 7,500 or fewer inhabitants.

11 (b) A rural ambulance service provider may submit a  
12 proposal to the EMS System Medical Director requesting approval  
13 of either or both of the following:

14 (1) Rural ambulance service provider in-field service  
15 level upgrade.

16 (A) An ambulance operated by a rural ambulance

1 service provider may be upgraded, as defined by the EMS  
2 System Medical Director in a policy or procedure, as  
3 long as the EMS System Medical Director and the  
4 Department have approved the proposal, to the highest  
5 level of EMT license (advanced life support/paramedic,  
6 intermediate life support, or basic life support) held  
7 by any person staffing that ambulance. The ambulance  
8 service provider's proposal for an upgrade must  
9 include all of the following:

10 (i) The manner in which the provider will  
11 secure advanced life support equipment, supplies,  
12 and medications.

13 (ii) The type of quality assurance the  
14 provider will perform.

15 (iii) An assurance that the provider will  
16 advertise only the level of care that can be  
17 provided 24 hours a day.

18 (B) If a rural ambulance service provider is  
19 approved to provide an in-field service level upgrade  
20 based on the licensed personnel on the vehicle, all the  
21 advanced life support medical supplies, durable  
22 medical equipment, and medications must be secured and  
23 locked with access by only the personnel who have been  
24 authorized by the EMS System Medical Director to  
25 utilize those supplies.

26 (C) The EMS System shall routinely perform quality

1           assurance, in compliance with the EMS System's quality  
2           assurance plan approved by the Department, on in-field  
3           service level upgrades authorized under this Section  
4           to ensure compliance with the EMS System plan.

5           (2) Rural ambulance service provider in-field service  
6           level upgrade. The EMS System Medical Director may define  
7           what constitutes an in-field service level upgrade through  
8           an EMS System policy or procedure. An in-field service  
9           level upgrade may include, but need not be limited to, an  
10           upgrade to a licensed ambulance, alternate response  
11           vehicle as defined by the Department in rules, or  
12           specialized emergency medical services vehicle.

13           (c) If the EMS System Medical Director approves a proposal  
14           for a rural in-field service level upgrade under this Section,  
15           he or she shall submit the proposal to the Department along  
16           with a statement of approval signed by him or her. Once the  
17           Department has approved the proposal, the rural ambulance  
18           service provider will be authorized to function at the highest  
19           level of EMT license (advanced life support/paramedic,  
20           intermediate life support, or basic life support) held by any  
21           person staffing the vehicle.

22           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23           becoming law."