

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 adding Section 3.86 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.86 new)

7 Sec. 3.86. Stretcher van providers.

8 (a) In this Section, "stretcher van provider" means an  
9 entity licensed by the Department to provide non-emergency  
10 transportation of passengers on a stretcher in compliance with  
11 this Act or the rules adopted by the Department pursuant to  
12 this Act, utilizing stretcher vans.

13 (b) The Department has the authority and responsibility to  
14 do the following:

15 (1) Require all stretcher van providers, both publicly  
16 and privately owned, to be licensed by the Department.

17 (2) Establish licensing and safety standards and  
18 requirements for stretcher van providers, through rules  
19 adopted pursuant to this Act, including but not limited to:

20 (A) Vehicle design, specification, operation, and  
21 maintenance standards.

22 (B) Safety equipment requirements and standards.

23 (C) Staffing requirements.

1                   (D) Annual license renewal.

2                   (3) License all stretcher van providers that have met  
3 the Department's requirements for licensure.

4                   (4) Annually inspect all licensed stretcher van  
5 providers, and relicense providers that have met the  
6 Department's requirements for license renewal.

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

15                   (6) Issue an emergency suspension order for any  
16 provider or vehicle licensed under this Act when the  
17 Director or his or her designee has determined that an  
18 immediate or serious danger to the public health, safety,  
19 and welfare exists. Suspension or revocation proceedings  
20 that offer an opportunity for a hearing shall be promptly  
21 initiated after the emergency suspension order has been  
22 issued.

23                   (7) Prohibit any stretcher van provider from  
24 advertising, identifying its vehicles, or disseminating  
25 information in a false or misleading manner concerning the  
26 provider's type and level of vehicles, location, response

1 times, level of personnel, licensure status, or EMS System  
2 participation.

3 (8) Charge each stretcher van provider a fee, to be  
4 submitted with each application for licensure and license  
5 renewal, which shall not exceed \$25 per vehicle, up to \$500  
6 per provider.

7 (c) A stretcher van provider may provide transport of a  
8 passenger on a stretcher, provided the passenger meets all of  
9 the following requirements:

10 (1) He or she needs no medical equipment, except  
11 self-administered medications.

12 (2) He or she needs no medical monitoring or medical  
13 observation.

14 (3) He or she needs routine transportation to or from a  
15 medical appointment or service if the passenger is  
16 convalescent or otherwise bed-confined and does not  
17 require medical monitoring, aid, care, or treatment during  
18 transport.

19 (d) A stretcher van provider may not transport a passenger  
20 who meets any of the following conditions:

21 (1) He or she is currently admitted to a hospital or is  
22 being transported to a hospital for admission or emergency  
23 treatment.

24 (2) He or she is acutely ill, wounded, or medically  
25 unstable as determined by a licensed physician.

26 (3) He or she is experiencing an emergency medical

1 condition, an acute medical condition, an exacerbation of a  
2 chronic medical condition, or a sudden illness or injury.

3 (4) He or she was administered a medication that might  
4 prevent the passenger from caring for himself or herself.

5 (5) He or she was moved from one environment where  
6 24-hour medical monitoring or medical observation will  
7 take place by certified or licensed nursing personnel to  
8 another such environment. Such environments shall include,  
9 but not be limited to, hospitals licensed under the  
10 Hospital Licensing Act or operated under the University of  
11 Illinois Hospital Act, and nursing facilities licensed  
12 under the Nursing Home Care Act.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.