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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 693

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 693 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 3.155 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.155)

7 Sec. 3.155. General Provisions.

8 (a) Authority and responsibility for the EMS System shall
9 be vested in the EMS Resource Hospital, through the EMS
10 Medical Director or his designee.

11 (b) For an inter-hospital emergency or non-emergency
12 medical transport, in which the physician from the sending
13 hospital provides the EMS personnel with written medical
14 orders, such written medical orders cannot exceed the scope of
15 care which the EMS personnel are authorized to render pursuant
16 to this Act.

1 (c) For an inter-hospital emergency or non-emergency
2 medical transport of a patient who requires medical care
3 beyond the scope of care which the EMS personnel are
4 authorized to render pursuant to this Act, a qualified
5 physician, nurse, perfusionist, or respiratory therapist
6 familiar with the scope of care needed must accompany the
7 patient and the transferring hospital and physician shall
8 assume medical responsibility for that portion of the medical
9 care.

10 (d) No emergency medical services vehicles or personnel
11 from another State or nation may be utilized on a regular basis
12 to pick up and transport patients within this State without
13 first complying with this Act and all rules adopted by the
14 Department pursuant to this Act.

15 (e) This Act shall not prevent emergency medical services
16 vehicles or personnel from another State or nation from
17 rendering requested assistance in this State in a disaster
18 situation, or operating from a location outside the State and
19 occasionally transporting patients into this State for needed
20 medical care. Except as provided in Section 31 of this Act,
21 this Act shall not provide immunity from liability for such
22 activities.

23 (f) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this Section,
24 no person or entity shall transport emergency or non-emergency
25 patients by ambulance, SEMSV, or medical carrier without first
26 complying with the provisions of this Act and all rules

1 adopted pursuant to this Act.

2 (g) Nothing in this Act or the rules adopted by the
3 Department under this Act shall be construed to authorize any
4 medical treatment to or transportation of any person who
5 objects on religious grounds.

6 (h) Patients, individuals who accompany a patient, and
7 emergency medical services personnel may not smoke while
8 inside an ambulance or SEMSV. The Department of Public Health
9 may impose a civil penalty on an individual who violates this
10 subsection in the amount of \$100.

11 (i) When a patient has been determined by EMS personnel to
12 (1) have no immediate life-threatening injuries or illness,
13 (2) not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, (3) have no
14 immediate or obvious need for transport to an emergency
15 department, and (4) have an immediate need for transport to an
16 EMS System-approved mental health facility, the EMS personnel
17 may contact Online Medical Control or his or her EMS Medical
18 Director or Emergency Communications Registered Nurse to
19 request bypass or diversion of the closest emergency
20 department, as outlined in paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of
21 Section 3.20, and request transport to the closest or
22 appropriate EMS System-approved mental health facility. In
23 addition, EMS personnel may transport a patient to an EMS
24 System-approved urgent care or immediate care facility that
25 meets the proper criteria and is approved by Online Medical
26 Control or his or her EMS Medical Director or Emergency

1 Communications Registered Nurse.

2 (Source: P.A. 92-376, eff. 8-15-01.)".