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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1729

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1729 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 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

1 pre-hospital emergency medical services systems.

2 The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to deny
3 emergency medical services to persons outside the boundaries of
4 this State nor to limit, restrict, or prevent any cooperative
5 agreement for the provision of emergency medical services
6 between this State, or any of its political subdivisions, and
7 any other State or its political subdivisions or a federal
8 agency.

9 The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to
10 regulate the emergency transportation of persons by friends or
11 family members, in personal vehicles that are not ambulances,
12 specialized emergency medical service vehicles, first response
13 vehicles or medical carriers.

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

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