

1 AN ACT regarding emergency medical services.

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  
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  
9 shall 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  
15 of care which the EMS personnel are authorized to render  
16 pursuant to this Act.

17 (c) For an inter-hospital emergency or non-emergency  
18 medical transport of a patient who requires medical care  
19 beyond the scope of care which the EMS personnel are  
20 authorized to render pursuant to this Act, a qualified  
21 physician, nurse, perfusionist, or respiratory therapist  
22 familiar with the scope of care needed must accompany the  
23 patient and the transferring hospital and physician shall  
24 assume medical responsibility for that portion of the medical  
25 care.

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

31 (e) This Act shall not prevent emergency medical

1 services vehicles or personnel from another State or nation  
2 from rendering requested assistance in this State in a  
3 disaster situation, or operating from a location outside the  
4 State and occasionally transporting patients into this State  
5 for needed medical care. Except as provided in Section 31 of  
6 this Act, this Act shall not provide immunity from liability  
7 for such activities.

8 (f) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this  
9 Section, no person or entity shall transport emergency or  
10 non-emergency patients by ambulance, SEMSV, or medical  
11 carrier without first complying with the provisions of this  
12 Act and all rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

13 (g) Nothing in this Act or the rules adopted by the  
14 Department under this Act shall be construed to authorize any  
15 medical treatment to or transportation of any person who  
16 objects on religious grounds.

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

22 (Source: P.A. 89-177, eff. 7-19-95.)