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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1910

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1910 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Rescue Squad Districts Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 11.5 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 2005/11.5 new)

7 Sec. 11.5. Emergency medical services tax.

8 (a) It is declared as a matter of public policy:

9 (1) that, in order to preserve, protect, and promote  
10 the public health, safety, and general welfare, adequate  
11 and continuing emergency medical services should be  
12 available to every citizen of Illinois; and

13 (2) that, in the event adequate and continuing  
14 emergency medical services do not exist, rescue squad  
15 districts should be authorized to provide, and shall cause  
16 to be provided, emergency medical services as a public

1       responsibility.

2       (b) If a rescue squad district incorporated under this Act  
3 is licensed under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems  
4 Act, then the rescue squad district may, under the terms and  
5 conditions set out in this Section, provide emergency medical  
6 services, including transport within or without the district.

7       The board of trustees of a rescue squad district  
8 incorporated under this Act may, under the terms and conditions  
9 set out in this Section, contract with providers of emergency  
10 medical services that are licensed under the Emergency Medical  
11 Services (EMS) Systems Act or enter into intergovernmental  
12 agreements with other units of local government for the purpose  
13 of providing emergency medical services that are licensed under  
14 the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act.

15       The board of trustees of a rescue squad district  
16 incorporated under this Act may levy a tax for the provision of  
17 emergency medical services as provided in this Section and  
18 adopt rules and regulations relating to emergency medical  
19 services within its jurisdiction.

20       (c) If the board of trustees of a rescue squad district  
21 desires to levy a special tax to provide emergency medical  
22 services, then it shall certify the question to the proper  
23 election officials, who shall submit that question at an  
24 election to the voters of the district. The result of the  
25 referendum shall be entered upon the records of the district.  
26 If a majority of the votes on the proposition are in favor of

1 the proposition, the board of trustees may then levy a special  
 2 tax at a rate not to exceed 0.40% of the value of all taxable  
 3 property within the district as equalized or assessed by the  
 4 Department of Revenue. The proposition shall be in  
 5 substantially the following form:

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7 Shall the .... Rescue Squad  
 8 District levy a special tax at a rate YES  
 9 not to exceed 0.40% of the value of all  
 10 taxable property within the district as -----  
 11 equalized or assessed by the Department  
 12 of Revenue for the purpose of providing NO  
 13 an emergency medical services?

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15 Votes must be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

16 (d) If it appears that a majority of all valid votes cast  
 17 on the proposition are in favor of levying a special tax to pay  
 18 for emergency medical services, the board of trustees may levy  
 19 and collect an annual tax for the purpose of providing  
 20 emergency medical services under this Act to be extended at a  
 21 rate not to exceed 0.40% of the full fair cash value of the  
 22 taxable property within the governmental unit as assessed or  
 23 equalized by the Department of Revenue. This annual tax shall  
 24 be in addition to the other taxes a rescue squad district may  
 25 levy for its corporate purposes.

26 (e) Any board of trustees may:

1           (1) provide or operate an emergency medical services  
2           subject to licensure under the Emergency Medical Services  
3           (EMS) Systems Act;

4           (2) contract with a private person, hospital, or  
5           corporation or enter into intergovernmental agreements  
6           with one or more units of local government for the  
7           provision and operation of emergency medical services or  
8           subsidize the emergency medical services; however, the  
9           provider of the emergency medical services must be licensed  
10           under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act; and

11           (3) within its jurisdiction, fix, charge, and collect  
12           fees for emergency medical services within or outside of  
13           the rescue squad district not exceeding the reasonable cost  
14           of the service.

15           (f) In this Section:

16           "Emergency medical services" includes, without limitation,  
17           pre-hospital care.

18           "Pre-hospital care" has the meaning given to that term in  
19           Section 3.10 of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems  
20           Act. "Pre-hospital care" includes emergency services performed  
21           by a paramedic or other on-board emergency personnel that are  
22           within the scope of the provider's license under the Emergency  
23           Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act.

24           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25           becoming law."