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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 and by adding Section 3.33
6 as follows:

7 (210 ILCS 50/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 5502)

8 Sec. 2. Legislative intent; construction of Act. The
9 Legislature finds and declares that emergency medical services
10 are essential services in the State of Illinois and it is the
11 intent of this legislation to provide the State with systems
12 for emergency medical services by establishing within the State
13 Department of Public Health a central authority responsible for
14 the coordination and integration of all activities within the
15 State concerning pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency
16 medical services, as well as non-emergency medical transports,

1 and the overall planning, evaluation, and regulation of
2 pre-hospital emergency medical services systems.

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

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

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

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

2 (210 ILCS 50/3.33 new)

3 Sec. 3.33. Areas without ambulatory services. In any county
4 in which an ambulance service ceases operations and leaves a
5 geographic area of that county without timely ambulance
6 coverage, the County Administrator and County Board Chairman
7 shall submit a written plan for covering that area to the
8 closest EMS System Medical Director. This plan must define what
9 ambulance provider or providers will now cover the affected
10 area, what their range of estimated average response times will
11 be for the area in need of coverage, any anticipated negative
12 impacts on the geographic area previously covered by the
13 newly-closed ambulance service or the geographic area normally
14 covered by the ambulance provider or providers which will fill
15 that gap, and any expected gaps in ambulance service to the
16 geographic area. This plan shall be submitted by the county
17 within 15 days after its initial notification of an ambulance
18 service closing.

19 The EMS System Medical Director shall review and submit a
20 copy of this plan to the Department along with a written letter
21 of support or denial."