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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1285

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION PROGRAM FOR
10 AMBULANCE SERVICE’S OPERATORS FOR CERTAIN HEALTHCARE
11 SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION PROGRAM FOR
16 AMBULANCE SERVICE’S OPERATORS FOR
17 CERTAIN HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-108(b), concerning the triage, treat,
22 and transport to alternative destination by an ambulance service operator, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (b) ~~An~~ Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, an
25 ambulance service’s operators may triage and transport a patient to an
26 alternative destination in this state or treat in place if the ambulance
27 service is coordinating the care of the patient through telemedicine with a
28 physician for a medical-based complaint or with a behavioral health
29 specialist for a behavioral-based complaint.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-13-108, concerning the triage, treat,
32 and transport to alternative destination by ambulance service operators, is
33 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

34 (c) The department shall by rule establish a procedure in which an
35 ambulance service’s operator may submit protocols that were approved by the
36 medical director of the ambulance service’s operator as an exemption for



1 certain healthcare services from the telemedicine requirement under
2 subsection (b) of this section on the basis that the healthcare service does
3 not necessitate coordination of care of the patient through telemedicine.

4 (d)(1) An ambulance service's operator may submit protocols that
5 were approved by the medical director of the ambulance service's operator
6 under subsection (c) of this section on forms prescribed by the department.

7 (2) Upon receipt of the protocols under subdivision (d)(1) of
8 this section, the department shall notify the ambulance service's operator of
9 the department's receipt and keep these protocols on file with the ambulance
10 services other treatment protocols.

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12 /s/L. Johnson
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