FIRST REGULAR SESSION HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 941

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 190.108 and 190.205, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to ambulance services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 190.108 and 190.205, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 190.108 and 190.205, to read as follows:

190.108. 1. The department shall, within a reasonable time after receipt of an application, cause such investigation as the department deems necessary to be made of the 3 applicant for an air ambulance license.

2. The department shall have the authority and responsibility to license an air ambulance service in accordance with sections 190.001 to 190.245, and in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The department may promulgate rules relating to the requirements for an air ambulance license including, but not limited to:

- (1) Medical control plans;
- 9 (2) Medical director qualifications;
- 10 (3) Air medical staff qualifications;

11 (4) Response and operations standards to assure that the health and safety needs of the

12 public are met;

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- 13 (5) Standards for air medical communications;
- 14 (6) Criteria for compliance with licensure requirements;
- 15 (7) Records and forms;
- 16 (8) Equipment requirements;
- 17 (9) Five-year license renewal;
- 18 (10) Quality improvement committees; [and]

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 (11) Response time, patient care and transportation standards; and

(12) Requiring network service agreements with health insurance carriers in their
 service areas, and requiring air ambulance providers and health insurance carriers to
 negotiate in good faith.

3. Application for an air ambulance service license shall be made upon such forms as prescribed by the department in rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245. The application form shall contain such information as the department deems necessary to make a determination as to whether the air ambulance service meets all the requirements of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245.

4. Upon the sale or transfer of any air ambulance service ownership, the owner of such service shall notify the department of the change in ownership within thirty days of such sale or transfer. After receipt of such notice, the department shall conduct an inspection of the ambulance service to verify compliance with the licensure standards of sections 190.001 to 190.245.

190.205. 1. Health carriers and managed care plans shall pay benefits directly to groundambulance services or emergency medical response agencies.

3 2. Health carriers and managed care plans shall not prohibit or discourage the use of the
4 911 system when emergency services are needed as defined in section 190.100.

5 3. If a request for emergency services is made to an ambulance service which is not the 6 911 provider or the recognized emergency provider in areas not covered by 911 ambulance 7 services, then the 911 provider or the recognized emergency provider shall be notified 8 immediately by the ambulance service receiving the request.

9 4. An air ambulance provider, or an agent of an air ambulance provider, shall not 10 solicit or sell a subscription agreement relating to the services or billing of services 11 provided by an air ambulance provider.

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