- 1 HB190
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- 3 By Representatives Oliver, Shaver, Rafferty, Lee, Robbins,
- 4 Lipscomb and Isbell
- 5 RFD: Health
- 6 First Read: 01-FEB-22

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	Relating to emergency medical services; to make
9	findings and declarations that emergency medical services are
10	essential public services performed for a public purpose.
11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
12	Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares
13	the following:
14	(1) Emergency medical services are an essential
15	public service and a part of the health care safety net for
16	many residents of this state.
17	(2) It is in the public interest to assure that high
18	quality emergency and urgent medical services are readily
19	available to the residents of this state to prevent death and
20	reduce suffering and disability which arise from severe
21	illness and injury.
22	(3) The public interest is best achieved through the
23	delivery of emergency medical services through a coordinated
24	emergency medical services system.
25	(4) The transportation of both emergency and
26	non-emergency patients is an integral part of the health care
27	delivery system in this state, and it is in the public

- interest that the emergency medical services system serve all of the following persons in this state:
- a. Any person who requires immediate medical care to address illness or injury.

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- b. Any person who needs transportation to a hospital or other health care provider to receive that care.
- c. Any person who requires medical assessment, monitoring, assistance, treatment or observation during transportation by trained emergency medical personnel.
- (5) It serves the public interest if the emergency medical services system is able to quickly adapt and evolve to meet the needs of the resident of this state for emergency and urgent medical care and to reduce the effect of illness and injury.
- (6) It serves the public interest if the emergency medical services system provides community-based health promotion services that are integrated with the overall health care system.
- (7) Emergency medical services should be acknowledged, promoted, and supported as an essential service and any eligible funding should be available for emergency medical services without any distinction between the public or private sectors of emergency medical services.
- (b) Based on the foregoing, the Legislature formally declares that emergency medical services delivered by both the public and private sector, including ambulance services, are essential services in this state for the public welfare and

1	public safety of the residents of this state and that all
2	emergency medical services are delivered for a public purpose
3	(c) Nothing in this section requires a county
4	commission to fund or otherwise provide emergency medical
5	services or ambulance services.
6	Section 2. This act shall become effective
7	immediately following its passage and approval by the
8	Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Health 01-FEB-22
8 9	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 02-FEB-22
10 11 12 13	Read for the third time and passed as amended
13	Yeas 100, Nays 0, Abstains 1
14 15 16 17	Jeff Woodard Clerk