

HB289 INTRODUCED



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4 RFD: Health
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, only an ambulance licensed
6 by the State Board of Health may transport a patient
7 who requires a stretcher. An unlicensed medical
8 transport service may not transport a patient who
9 requires a stretcher.

10 This bill would authorize a medical transport
11 service to transport a patient who requires a
12 stretcher, gurney, or cot to medical care services in
13 non-emergency medical circumstances.

14 This bill would also provide that the State
15 Board of Health may adopt rules to enforce this
16 authorization.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 Relating to medical transport services; to authorize a
24 medical transport service other than a licensed ambulance to
25 transfer a patient on a stretcher, gurney, or cot in certain
26 non-emergency medical circumstances; and to authorize the
27 State Board of Health to adopt rules.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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29 Section 1. (a) The State Board of Health shall not
30 prohibit an unlicensed non-emergency medical transport service
31 from transporting a patient on a stretcher, gurney, or cot,
32 provided that each of the following apply:

33 (1) The transport vehicle is designed and equipped to
34 hold a stretcher, gurney, or cot.

35 (2) The patient is being transported to or from a
36 medical care facility under non-emergency circumstances,
37 including transportation to and from medical appointments. For
38 the purposes of this section, a non-emergency circumstance
39 exists when the health and life of a patient is not at serious
40 risk without immediate medical treatment, such as uncontrolled
41 bleeding, a heart attack, an automobile accident, or other
42 serious trauma. The State Board of Health may adopt rules
43 further defining a non-emergency circumstance.

44 (b) The State Board of Health may adopt rules governing
45 the operation and conduct of non-emergency medical transport
46 services and vehicles pursuant to this section.

47 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
48 1, 2024.