



## House Health Reported Substitute for HB289

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to medical transport services; to authorize a medical transport service other than a licensed ambulance to transfer a patient on a stretcher, gurney, or cot in certain non-emergency medical circumstances; and to authorize the State Board of Health to adopt rules.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

(1) The transport vehicle is designed and equipped to safely transport individuals on a stretcher, gurney, or cot.

(2) The patient's medical doctor or, in the case of a resident living in a licensed residential health care facility, the medical director, provides a written order indicating that it is not medically necessary to transport the patient or resident by ambulance for a non-emergency service.

(3) The patient is being transported to or from a medical care facility under non-emergency circumstances, including transportation to and from medical appointments. For



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29 the purposes of this section, a non-emergency circumstance  
30 exists when the health, life, and safety of a patient is not  
31 at risk without immediate medical treatment or intervention,  
32 unlike emergency situations such as an active cardiac event  
33 like a heart attack or chest pain, acute stroke-like symptoms,  
34 untreated trauma from an automobile accident or fall, acute  
35 seizure-like activity, acute abdominal pain, acute breathing  
36 difficulty, spontaneous childbirth, a need for continuous  
37 monitoring, or the patient is a danger to himself or herself  
38 or to others. The State Board of Health shall adopt rules  
39 further defining a non-emergency circumstance.

40 (b) The State Board of Health shall adopt rules  
41 governing the operation and conduct of non-emergency medical  
42 transport services and vehicles pursuant to this section.

43 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
44 1, 2024.