

HB374 INTRODUCED



1 HB374
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, only an ambulance licensed
6 by the State Committee of Public Health may transport a
7 patient 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 Committee of Public Health may adopt rules to enforce
16 its provisions.

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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 vehicle, other than an 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 Committee of Public Health to adopt rules.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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29 Section 1. (a) The State Committee of Public Health
30 shall not prohibit a 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 Committee of Public Health may adopt
43 rules further defining a non emergency circumstance.

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

48 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
49 1, 2025.