

CHAPTER NO. 551

SENATE BILL NO. 3214

By Atchley, Burchett

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3310

By Hagood, Armstrong, Tindell, Bittle, Dunn, Harry Brooks, Buttry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, relative to the provision of air ambulance services by certain 501(c)(3) organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-517, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (a) as subdivision (1) and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(2) The EMS board shall have the authority to waive any fees applicable to 501(c)(3) organizations that provide air ambulance service by way of fixed-wing aircraft for indigent patients. Provided, that such 501(c)(3) organizations shall not receive fee for service payments for such air ambulance services for indigent patients from insurance, private pay or third party reimbursement.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-507, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(b) Services performed by fixed-wing air ambulance organizations that are provided without compensation pursuant to Section 68-140-517(a)(2) shall be conducted under F.A.R. Part 91 of the Federal Air Regulations. Pilots of such aircraft shall possess a commercial certificate with instrument rating.

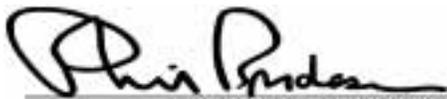
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 8, 2004


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of April 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR