
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1377 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DALEY, VAN HORNE, STISH, BELARDI AND E. Z. TAYLOR,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
APRIL 19, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), entitled "An
2 act relating to the prevention and reduction of premature
3 death and disability in this Commonwealth; providing for
4 assistance, coordination and support of the development and
5 maintenance of a comprehensive emergency medical services
6 system and for qualifications, eligibility and certification
7 of emergency medical services personnel and licensing
8 ambulance services; imposing powers and duties on the
9 Department of Health; and making repeals," further providing
10 for minimum standards for ambulance service.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 12(o) of the act of July 3, 1985
14 (P.L.164, No.45), known as the Emergency Medical Services Act,
15 is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
16 read:

17 Section 12. Minimum standards for ambulance service.

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19 (g.1) Service area.--

20 (1) Every advertisement of an ambulance service shall
21 indicate the geographic area in which the service operates.

1 (2) (i) If an ambulance service receives a written
2 application for service from a person who lives outside
3 the geographic operating area of the ambulance service,
4 the application and any payment shall be returned to the
5 applicant within ten days with a written explanation.

6 (ii) If an ambulance service receives a telephone
7 application for service from a person who lives outside
8 the operating area of the ambulance service, the
9 applicant shall be advised that the application cannot be
10 accepted because of the geographic operating limits of
11 the ambulance service.

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13 (o) Violation.--

14 (1) [Upon] Except as provided in paragraph (2)(i), upon
15 determining that a violation of this act or rules and
16 regulations promulgated thereunder exists, the department
17 shall issue a written notice to the ambulance service
18 specifying the violation or violations that have been found.
19 The notice shall require the ambulance service to take action
20 or submit a plan of correction to the department that shall
21 bring the ambulance service into compliance with applicable
22 law or regulations within a specified period of time. The
23 plan of correction must be submitted within 30 days of
24 receipt of the written notice.

25 (2) (i) An ambulance service which accepts an
26 application for service from a person who lives outside
27 the ambulance service's operating area in violation of
28 subsection (g.1) commits a summary offense and shall,
29 upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 for a
30 first offense or \$1,000 for a second offense. For a third

