

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1869 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY OWLETT, BARRAR, CAUSER, PICKETT, SCHMITT, GROVE, GABLER, POLINCHOCK, ROAE, STRUZZI, CALTAGIRONE, FRITZ, WHEELAND, ZIMMERMAN, BERNSTINE, HERSHEY, RAPP, WEBSTER, KORTZ AND GILLEN, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

SENATOR REGAN, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, APRIL 7, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system,
3 further providing for basic life support ambulances.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 8133 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 8133. Basic life support ambulances.

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10 ~~(c) Exceptions for certain counties. The staffing <--~~
11 ~~requirements under subsection (b) (2) may be waived or adjusted~~
12 ~~for counties of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes at~~

13 ~~(C) EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES.-- <--~~

14 ~~(1) THE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) (2)~~
15 ~~MAY BE WAIVED OR ADJUSTED AT the department's discretion. The~~
16 ~~department shall permit an EMS agency to file for a waiver or~~
17 ~~exception from the staffing requirements under this~~

1 subsection for extraordinary reasons as determined by the
2 department on a case-by-case basis and in the best interest
3 of the EMS system and patient care.

4 (2) THIS SUBSECTION SHALL EXPIRE THREE YEARS FROM THE <--
5 DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS SUBSECTION.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.