
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 996 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, ARGALL, BAKER, DiSANTO, HUTCHINSON,
MARTIN, MASTRIANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, STEFANO AND
J. WARD, JANUARY 23, 2020

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JANUARY 23, 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 at the department's discretion. The department shall permit an
13 EMS agency to file for a waiver or exception from the staffing
14 requirements under this subsection for extraordinary reasons as
15 determined by the department on a case-by-case basis and in the
16 best interest of the EMS system and patient care.

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