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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to insurance and
protocols for ambulance services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Jimmy's Law".

2 S 2. Section 3001 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
3 subdivision 22 to read as follows:

4 22. "MOBILE TO MOBILE TRANSFER" MEANS THE TRANSFER OF A PATIENT
5 BETWEEN TWO AMBULANCE SERVICES THAT ARE ENGAGED IN THE TRANSPORT OF THE
6 PATIENT BY MOTOR VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT OR OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION.

7 S 3. Section 3005 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
8 subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9 9. ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, NO AMBULANCE
10 SERVICE SHALL OPERATE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK UNLESS IT POSSESSES A
11 VALID CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THAT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
12 OF SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTEEN-A OF THIS ARTICLE.

13 S 4. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3013-a
14 to read as follows:

15 S 3013-A. MINIMUM LIABILITY STANDARDS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES. 1. FOR
16 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE" SHALL MEAN
17 INSURANCE AGAINST LEGAL LIABILITY OF THE INSURED, AND AGAINST LOSS,
18 DAMAGE, OR EXPENSE INCIDENT TO A CLAIM OF SUCH LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF
19 THE DEATH OR INJURY OF ANY PERSON DUE TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE BY ANY
20 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR
21 QUALIFIED MEDICAL AND HEALTH PERSONNEL.

22 2. ALL OPERATORS OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE MUST MAINTAIN THE FOLLOWING
23 MINIMUM MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

24 (A) AT LEAST ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF COVERAGE PER OCCURRENCE; AND

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (B) AT LEAST THREE MILLION DOLLARS OF COVERAGE FOR ALL OCCURRENCES PER
2 POLICY YEAR.

3 3. THE OPERATOR SHALL PROVIDE PROOF OF INSURANCE TO THE COMMISSIONER
4 PRIOR TO OBTAINING AN AMBULANCE SERVICE CERTIFICATE OR UPON RENEWAL OF
5 AN AMBULANCE CERTIFICATE.

6 S 5. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3000-e
7 to read as follows:

8 S 3000-E. TRANSFER OF CARE PROTOCOL. NO AMBULANCE SERVICE SHALL LEAVE
9 THE VICINITY OF THE TRANSFER AREA DURING A MOBILE TO MOBILE TRANSFER
10 UNTIL THE PATIENT IS SECURE AND ALL ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS ARE
11 SUCCESSFULLY CONNECTED IN THE RECEIVING AMBULANCE SERVICE.

12 S 6. The New York state emergency medical services council is hereby
13 authorized to enact rules and regulations, with the consent of the
14 commissioner of health, as necessary to implement the provisions of this
15 act.

16 S 7. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.