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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services Board - Inter-Facility Helicopter Transport**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Emergency Medical Services Board to adopt  
4 regulations by a certain date that provide for the inter-facility helicopter  
5 transport of patients by licensed private helicopter carriers; requiring the  
6 regulations to specify circumstances under which certain types of helicopter  
7 transport may be used; and generally relating to the regulation of inter-facility  
8 helicopter transports.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article - Education

11 Section 13-509(d)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Education**

17 13-509.

18 (d) (1) The EMS Board may adopt regulations that assure that helicopters  
19 transporting patients between hospitals or to or from specialty centers notify the  
20 System's communication center in the State Emergency Medical Communications  
21 System.

22 (2) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, THE EMS BOARD SHALL ADOPT  
23 REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE INTER-FACILITY HELICOPTER TRANSPORT  
24 OF PATIENTS BY LICENSED PRIVATE HELICOPTER CARRIERS.

25 (II) THE REGULATIONS SHALL SPECIFY:

26 1. THAT, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM 2 OF THIS  
27 SUBPARAGRAPH, WHEN AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT IS THE INDICATED METHOD FOR

