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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services Board - Commercial Air Ambulance Service**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Emergency Medical Services Board to adopt
4 regulations that provide for the reimbursement of patient transport by a
5 licensed commercial air ambulance service; requiring the regulations to specify
6 that a licensed commercial air ambulance service may collect a certain amount
7 for certain services under certain circumstances; requiring the regulations to
8 specify that when aeromedical transport is performed by a licensed commercial
9 air ambulance service, certain individuals may submit a certain claim for a
10 certain amount; requiring the regulations to specify that a licensed commercial
11 air ambulance may not discriminate against certain individuals; and generally
12 relating to the regulation of licensed commercial air ambulance services and
13 reimbursement.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Education
16 Section 13-515.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Education**

22 13-515.1.

23 (A) THE EMS BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE
24 REIMBURSEMENT OF A PATIENT TRANSPORT BY A LICENSED COMMERCIAL AIR
25 AMBULANCE SERVICE.

26 (B) THE REGULATIONS SHALL SPECIFY THAT:

27 (1) WHEN AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT IS THE INDICATED METHOD FOR
28 TRANSPORTING AN INDIVIDUAL, A LICENSED COMMERCIAL AIR AMBULANCE

1 SERVICE MAY COLLECT AN AMOUNT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT THE
2 INDIVIDUAL'S INSURANCE CARRIER HAS AGREED TO REIMBURSE FOR AEROMEDICAL
3 TRANSPORT;

4 (2) WHEN AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT IS PERFORMED BY A LICENSED
5 COMMERCIAL AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE, THE INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTED MAY
6 SUBMIT AN INSURANCE CLAIM FOR AN AMOUNT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO THE
7 AMOUNT THE INDIVIDUAL'S INSURANCE CARRIER HAS AGREED TO REIMBURSE FOR
8 AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT; AND

9 (3) WHEN AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT IS THE INDICATED METHOD FOR
10 TRANSPORTING AN INDIVIDUAL, A LICENSED COMMERCIAL AIR AMBULANCE
11 SERVICE MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL BASED ON:

12 (I) THE INDIVIDUAL'S INSURANCE; OR

13 (II) THE AMOUNT THE INDIVIDUAL'S INSURANCE COMPANY HAS
14 AGREED TO REIMBURSE FOR AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2005.