

REFERENCE TITLE: ambulances; drivers; service-hour limit

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SB 1659

Introduced by
Senator Rogers

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 21.1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-2248; RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 21.1, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2248, to read:

4 36-2248. Private ambulance services; nonemergent
5 interfacility ambulance transportation;
6 hours-of-service limit; rules

7 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES THAT LIMIT THE HOURS OF SERVICE FOR
8 EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS WHO PROVIDE NONEMERGENT INTERFACILITY
9 AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION AND WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE AMBULANCE
10 SERVICE AS FOLLOWS:

11 1. A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE HOURS OF DRIVING TIME WITH TWELVE
12 CONSECUTIVE HOURS OF OFF-DUTY TIME.

13 2. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT DRIVE AFTER THIRTY-SIX HOURS ON DUTY IN
14 ANY THREE-DAY PERIOD. AN INDIVIDUAL MUST TAKE AT LEAST THIRTY-SIX
15 CONSECUTIVE HOURS OFF DUTY BEFORE RESTARTING A CONSECUTIVE THREE-DAY
16 PERIOD ON DUTY.

17 3. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT DRIVE AFTER FORTY-TWO HOURS ON DUTY IN ANY
18 FIVE-DAY PERIOD. AN INDIVIDUAL MUST TAKE AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT CONSECUTIVE
19 HOURS OFF DUTY BEFORE RESTARTING A CONSECUTIVE FIVE-DAY PERIOD ON DUTY.

20 4. A CREW MUST TAKE A THIRTY-MINUTE BREAK WHEN IT HAS BEEN ON DUTY
21 FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT CONSECUTIVE HOURS WITHOUT AT LEAST A THIRTY-MINUTE
22 INTERRUPTION. THE BREAK MAY BE SATISFIED BY ANY NONDRIVING PERIOD OF
23 THIRTY CONSECUTIVE MINUTES WITHOUT RADIO TRAFFIC OR POSTING
24 REQUIREMENTS. A CREW MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE INSIDE THE AMBULANCE
25 DURING THE THIRTY-MINUTE BREAK.

26 Sec. 2. Rulemaking exemption

27 Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of this act, the
28 department of health services is exempt from the rulemaking requirements
29 of title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, for one year after the
30 effective date of this act.