

Senate Engrossed House Bill
emergency medical services; patient transport

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House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL 2431

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 21.1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-2219; 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 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2219, to read:
4 36-2219. Emergency medical care technicians; requirements;
5 transportation
6 A. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN SHALL COMPLY WITH EITHER
7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL STANDARDS AND PROTOCOLS ESTABLISHED BY THE REGIONAL
8 COUNCIL OR THE MEDICAL DIRECTION FOR THE LOCAL JURISDICTION WHEN
9 CONSIDERING EMERGENCY TRANSPORT, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATE USE OF
10 TELECOMMUNICATIONS.
11 B. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN MAY NOT DO EITHER OF THE
12 FOLLOWING:
13 1. PROVIDE A PATIENT WITH A PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND USE
14 THAT MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AS THE BASIS FOR COUNSELING THE PATIENT TO DECLINE
15 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION.
16 2. COUNSEL A PATIENT TO DECLINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
17 TRANSPORTATION, EXCEPT AS PART OF A SPECIFIC ALTERNATE DESTINATION OR
18 TREAT-AND-REFER PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE
19 MEDICAL DIRECTION OVERSIGHT.
20 C. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN SHALL EXPLAIN TO A PATIENT
21 THE RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES TO THE PATIENT'S HEALTH OF NOT BEING
22 TRANSPORTED.
23 D. IT IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION FOR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL
24 CARE TECHNICIAN TO INFORM A PATIENT OF THE PATIENT'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR
25 DECLINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION, UNLESS THE EMERGENCY
26 MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN DOES SO IN AN EFFORT TO COERCE THE PATIENT TO
27 DECLINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.