

# HB289 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, only an ambulance licensed by the State Board of Health may transport a patient who requires a stretcher. An unlicensed medical transport service may not transport a patient who requires a stretcher.

This bill would authorize a medical transport service to transport a patient who requires a stretcher, gurney, or cot to medical care services in non-emergency medical circumstances.

This bill would also provide that the State Board of Health may adopt rules to enforce this authorization.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to medical transport services; to authorize a medical transport service other than a licensed ambulance to transfer a patient on a stretcher, gurney, or cot in certain non-emergency medical circumstances; and to authorize the State Board of Health to adopt rules.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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29           Section 1. (a) The State Board of Health shall not  
30 prohibit an unlicensed non-emergency medical transport service  
31 from transporting a patient on a stretcher, gurney, or cot,  
32 provided that each of the following apply:

33           (1) The transport vehicle is designed and equipped to  
34 hold a stretcher, gurney, or cot.

35           (2) The patient is being transported to or from a  
36 medical care facility under non-emergency circumstances,  
37 including transportation to and from medical appointments. For  
38 the purposes of this section, a non-emergency circumstance  
39 exists when the health and life of a patient is not at serious  
40 risk without immediate medical treatment, such as uncontrolled  
41 bleeding, a heart attack, an automobile accident, or other  
42 serious trauma. The State Board of Health may adopt rules  
43 further defining a non-emergency circumstance.

44           (b) The State Board of Health may adopt rules governing  
45 the operation and conduct of non-emergency medical transport  
46 services and vehicles pursuant to this section.

47           Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
48 1, 2024.