

House Bill 154

By: Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Clifton of the 131st, Mathis of the 133rd, Anderson of the 10th, Gunter of the 8th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 emergency medical services, so as to designate ambulance services as an essential service
3 in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency
8 medical services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-11-13.

10 (a) Ambulance services, whether provided by a public, private nonprofit, or private
11 for-profit entity, are hereby declared to be essential services in this state.

12 (b) This Code section shall not be construed to revise or impact the provision of such
13 services through local coordinating entities within territorial zones and health districts in
14 this state. This Code section shall not be construed to grant new or additional authority,
15 oversight, or regulatory power to any state agency or local government of this state."

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SECTION 2.

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.