

HOUSE BILL No. 4534

April 5, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Scott, Hart, Clack and Jonker
and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

A bill to amend section 20756 of Act No. 368 of the Public
Acts of 1978, entitled as amended

"Public health code,"

as added by Act No. 79 of the Public Acts of 1981, being section
333.20756 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 20756 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts
2 of 1978, as added by Act No. 79 of the Public Acts of 1981, being
3 section 333.20756 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 20756. (1) ~~An~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS
6 SUBSECTION, AN ambulance operation shall provide for the avail-
7 ability of at least 1 ambulance with proper personnel and
8 equipment for response to requests for emergency assistance on a
9 24 hours a day, 7 days a week basis. AN AMBULANCE OPERATION THAT

1 MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE
2 AVAILABILITY OF AT LEAST 1 AMBULANCE WITH PROPER PERSONNEL AND
3 EQUIPMENT FOR RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ON A
4 LESS THAN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK BASIS, BUT NOT LESS THAN
5 A 12 HOURS A DAY, 3 DAYS A WEEK BASIS:

6 (A) IS OPERATED BY A NONPROFIT CORPORATION INCORPORATED
7 UNDER THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT, ACT NO. 162 OF THE PUBLIC
8 ACTS OF 1982, BEING SECTIONS 450.2101 TO 450.3192 OF THE MICHIGAN
9 COMPILED LAWS.

10 (B) DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE AMBU-
11 LANCE OPERATION.

12 (C) DOES NOT PAY ITS PERSONNEL.

13 (2) Public safety dispatch centers or other public agencies
14 receiving requests for ambulance service shall forward each
15 request to an ambulance operation within whose primary designated
16 geographical service area the request originates.

17 (3) An ambulance operation or nontransporting prehospital
18 life support service shall respond to all requests for emergency
19 assistance originating from within the bounds of its primary des-
20 ignated service area.

21 (4) An ambulance operation shall not provide a central dis-
22 patch or public agency or any person with false or misleading
23 information concerning the time at which an emergency medical
24 service response will be initiated or the location from which the
25 response is being initiated.

1 (5) An ambulance operation is subject to the medical control
2 authority of an advanced mobile emergency care system which is
3 authorized in all or part of the same geographical service area.

4 (6) If at any time an ambulance operation does not have an
5 ambulance adequately staffed and available for immediate response
6 within the bounds of its primary designated service area, the
7 ambulance operation shall immediately notify all public safety
8 agencies from which requests for service are regularly received.
9 When the ambulance is again adequately staffed, the ambulance
10 operation shall immediately notify these same public safety agen-
11 cies of that fact.

12 (7) A person who receives any intercepted public safety
13 radio communication shall not utilize the contents of the commu-
14 nication for the purpose of initiating an emergency medical serv-
15 ice response without the authorization of the sender. This sub-
16 section shall not apply to a radio communication generally trans-
17 mitted to any listener by a person in distress.

18 (8) All activities relating to the provision of ambulance
19 services, including the advertisement and dissemination of infor-
20 mation for the purpose of obtaining contracts, shall be conducted
21 under the name of the person holding an ambulance operation
22 license or the trade or assumed name. An ambulance shall not be
23 simultaneously listed or used by more than 1 ambulance
24 operation.