

The House Committee on Health offers the following substitute to HB 154:

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 the EMS Interstate Compact;  
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal 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 for  
11 profit entity, are hereby declared to be essential services in this state.

12 (b) This Code section shall not be construed to:

13 (1) Revise or impact the provision of such services through local coordinating entities  
14 within territorial zones and health districts in this state; nor

15 (2) Grant new or additional authority, oversight, or regulatory power to any state agency  
16 or local government of this state.

17 (c) This Code section shall not conflict with or supplant Code Section 31-11-3, 31-11-4,  
18 or 38-3-71 or Georgia's status as a member of the EMS Interstate Compact."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.