

House Bill 154 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Romman of the 97th, Clifton of the 131st, Mathis of the 133rd, Anderson of the 10th, 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 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 style="text-align:center">**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.

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20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.