



2023 SENATE BILL 221

April 14, 2023 - Introduced by Senators MARKLEIN, BALLWEG, CABRAL-GUEVARA, COWLES, FELZKOWSKI, NASS and TOMCZYK, cosponsored by Representatives BORN, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, CABRERA, GREEN, MICHALSKI, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, RETTINGER, ROZAR, SUBECK and MURSAU. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

AN ACT *to amend* 256.15 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** ambulance staffing on aircraft transporting pediatric patients between hospitals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill modifies ambulance staffing requirements to allow a certified respiratory care practitioner to fulfill a required staffing position on an ambulance for the transport of pediatric patients from one hospital to another when the ambulance is an aircraft.

Current law imposes certain staffing requirements when sick, disabled, or injured individuals are transported by ambulance, either by air or ground. In general, under current law, an ambulance may be staffed with any of the following: any two emergency medical services practitioners, licensed registered nurses, licensed physician assistants or physicians, or any combination of those individuals; one emergency medical services practitioner plus one individual with an emergency medical services practitioner training permit; or, for certain rural ambulance service providers, one emergency medical technician and one emergency medical responder. Current law provides an exception to these requirements to allow a certified respiratory care practitioner to fulfill one of the staffing positions on the ambulance when the ambulance is a fixed-wing airplane and the patient is a pediatric patient being transferred from one hospital to another hospital. The bill

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expands the scope of that exception to cover any type of aircraft transporting a pediatric patient from one hospital to another.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 256.15 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

256.15 (4) (a) 3. If the ambulance is ~~a fixed-wing airplane~~ an aircraft and the sick, disabled, or injured individual is a pediatric patient who is being transferred from one hospital to another hospital, one individual specified in subd. 1. plus one respiratory care practitioner certified under subch. II of ch. 448.

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