

~~1. MAKES AVAILABLE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES THROUGH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED UNDER § 13-516 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; OR~~

~~2. TRANSPORTS BY AMBULANCE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SICK, INJURED, WOUNDED, OR OTHERWISE INCAPACITATED.~~

~~(H) "COMMERCIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OWNED, OPERATED, OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD.~~

(4) "Fund" means the Commercial ~~{Ambulance}~~ EMERGENCY MEDICAL Service Fund.

(5) "License" means a license issued by the institute to operate ~~{an ambulance service}~~ A COMMERCIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE in the State.

~~(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR ORGANIZATION THAT:~~

~~(1) (H) PROVIDES FIRST AID OR CARE AT THE LEVEL OF A FIRST RESPONDER UNDER § 13-516 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

~~(H) DOES NOT PROVIDE PATIENT TRANSPORT; OR~~

~~(2) IS AFFILIATED WITH AND UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD.~~

~~{(b)}~~ ~~(C)~~ Unless issued a license under this section, an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or organization may not operate ~~{an ambulance}~~ A COMMERCIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL service in the State.

~~{(c)}~~ ~~(D)~~ (1) The ~~[Institute]~~ EMS BOARD, in consultation with representatives of the ~~{ambulance}~~ COMMERCIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL service industry in Maryland, shall adopt regulations ~~{necessary to establish a periodic licensing system for ambulance services}~~ TO ENSURE THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES in the State.

(2) The regulations shall, at a minimum, require ~~EACH COMMERCIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TO:~~

(i) ~~{Each ambulance operated by the ambulance service to be equipped with adequate}~~ POSSESS SUFFICIENT MEDICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS equipment and supplies to~~{}:~~

1. Care~~}~~ CARE for the patients being ~~{transported}~~ TREATED ~~{};~~ and

2. Communicate with the dispatcher~~{};~~