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emergency medical services; patient transport

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HOUSE BILL 2431

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 21.1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-2219; RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 21.1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2219, to read:

4 36-2219. Emergency medical care technicians; requirements;
5 transportation

6 A. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN SHALL COMPLY WITH EITHER
7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL STANDARDS AND PROTOCOLS ESTABLISHED BY THE REGIONAL
8 COUNCIL OR THE MEDICAL DIRECTION FOR THE LOCAL JURISDICTION WHEN
9 CONSIDERING EMERGENCY TRANSPORT, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATE USE OF
10 TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

11 B. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN MAY NOT DO EITHER OF THE
12 FOLLOWING:

13 1. PROVIDE A PATIENT WITH A PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND USE
14 THAT MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AS THE BASIS FOR COUNSELING THE PATIENT TO DECLINE
15 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION.

16 2. COUNSEL A PATIENT TO DECLINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
17 TRANSPORTATION, EXCEPT AS PART OF A SPECIFIC ALTERNATE DESTINATION OR
18 TREAT-AND-REFER PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE
19 MEDICAL DIRECTION OVERSIGHT.

20 C. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN SHALL EXPLAIN TO A PATIENT
21 THE RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES TO THE PATIENT'S HEALTH OF NOT BEING
22 TRANSPORTED.