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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1570

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-168, AS AMENDED BY P.L.231-1999, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 168. (a) "Health records", for purposes of IC 16-39, means written, electronic, or printed information possessed by a provider concerning any diagnosis, treatment, or prognosis of the patient. The term includes mental health records and alcohol and drug abuse records.

(b) For purposes of IC 16-39-5-3(d), the term includes information that describes services provided to a patient and a provider's charges for services provided to a patient.

(c) The term does not include information concerning emergency ambulance services described in IC 16-31-2-11(d).

SECTION 2. IC 16-31-2-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 11. (a) The commission shall develop procedures for ongoing review of all emergency ambulance services.

(b) The commission may review any ~~prehospital~~ **pre-hospital** ambulance rescue or report record regarding an emergency patient that is utilized or compiled by an emergency ambulance service employing paramedics, emergency medical technicians, or advanced emergency medical technicians. However, **except as provided in subsection (d)**, those records shall remain confidential and may be used solely for the

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purpose of compiling data and statistics. The use of such data or statistics is subject to IC 4-1-6.

(c) The commission may develop and oversee experimental study projects conducted by ambulance service providers in limited geographic areas of Indiana. These study projects must be developed and conducted in accordance with rules adopted by the commission under IC 4-22-2. These study projects must be designed to test the efficacy of new patient care techniques and new ambulance service systems.

(d) This subsection applies to emergency ambulance services that are provided by or under a contract with an entity that is a public agency for purposes of IC 5-14-3. The following information, if contained in a pre-hospital ambulance rescue or report record regarding an emergency patient, is public information and must be made available for inspection and copying under IC 5-14-3:

- (1) The date and time of the request for ambulance services.**
- (2) The reason for the request for assistance.**
- (3) The time and nature of the response to the request for ambulance services.**
- (4) The time of arrival at the scene where the patient was located.**
- (5) The time of departure from the scene where the patient was located.**
- (6) The name of the facility, if any, to which the patient was delivered for further treatment and the time of arrival at that facility.**

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