

Senate Bill 173

By: Senator Watson of the 1st

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 provide that hospital authorities may transfer its
3 ambulance service license to its local governing body directly if the governing body is
4 eligible for such a license; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency
9 medical services, is amended in Article 2, relating to licenses, by adding a new Code section
10 to read as follows:

11 "31-11-37.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Governing body' means the elected or duly appointed officials constituting the
14 governing body of a city or county.

15 (2) 'Hospital authority' means any public corporation created pursuant to Article 4 of
16 Chapter 7 of this title, the 'Hospital Authorities Law.'

17 (b) A hospital authority that holds an ambulance service license issued pursuant to this
18 article shall be permitted to transfer such license to the governing body for the city or
19 county in which the hospital authority is located, provided that such governing body
20 establishes to the department that it is eligible, pursuant to the requirements of this article,
21 for the issuance of an ambulance service license."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
24 without such approval.

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.