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A BILL

To authorize a person who has had a valid
commercial driver's license to drive an
ambulance during the state of emergency due to
COVID-19 and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) As used in this section, "emergency run"
means the period during which an ambulance is traveling to the
scene of an emergency and, if applicable, the period during
which the ambulance is transporting a patient from the scene of
the emergency.

(B) Notwithstanding section 4765.43 of the Revised Code,
during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order
2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, a person who currently holds
a valid commercial driver's license may serve as the driver of
an ambulance for an emergency medical service organization
during an emergency run.

(C) A person serving as the driver of an ambulance through
the authorization under division (B) of this section shall be

accompanied by at least one EMT, advanced EMT, or paramedic for 18
the entire emergency run. 19

Section 2. This act is an emergency measure necessary for 20
the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and 21
safety. The reason for such necessity is that immediate action 22
is crucial to protecting the public health during an outbreak of 23
COVID-19. Therefore, this act goes into immediate effect. 24