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S 1357. AMBULANCES/NO NONEMERGENCY SERVICE LIMITS. Filed 5/15/06. *ABOLISHING CERTAIN GEOGRAPHICAL SERVICE AREA LIMITATIONS ON NONEMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE IN ORDER TO ALLOW BETTER SERVICE AND INCREASED COMPETITION AROUND THE STATE.* Amends Article 7 of GS Chapter 131E (regulation of emergency medical services) to define “nonemergency transportation.” Enacts new GS 131E-160.1 and 143-517.1 to eliminate defined geographical service area restrictions on nonemergency transportation and to allow an emergency medical services (EMS) provider to offer nonemergency transportation within each county and across county lines. Also authorizes EMS personnel to offer any emergency medical services that become necessary in the course of providing nonemergency transportation. Makes conforming amendments to GS 143-508(b) and 143-509(1).

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