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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 190, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to medical helicopters, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 190, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 190.265, to read as follows:

**190.265. 1. In order to ensure that the skids of a helicopter do
2 not get caught in a fence or other barriers and cause a potentially
3 catastrophic outcome, any rules and regulations promulgated by the
4 department of health and senior services pursuant to sections 190.185,
5 190.214, and 192.006, chapter 197, or any other provision of Missouri
6 law shall not require hospitals to have a fence, or other barriers,
7 around such hospital's helipad. Any regulation requiring fencing, or
8 other barriers, or any interpretation of such regulation shall be null
9 and void.**

**10 2. In addition to the prohibition in subsection 1 of this section,
11 the department shall not promulgate any rules and regulations with
12 respect to the operation or construction of a helipad located at a
13 hospital.**

**14 3. Hospitals shall ensure that helipads are free of obstruction
15 and safe for use by a helicopter while on the ground, during approach,
16 and takeoff.**

**17 4. As used in this section, the term "hospital" shall have the same
18 meaning as in section 197.020.**

Section B. Because immediate action may prevent a tragic occurrence
2 from happening, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby

4 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and
5 section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
6 approval.

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