

SENATE BILL NO. 1295

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RAZER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 190, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to emergency medical services, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 190, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 190.177, to read as
3 follows:

190.177. 1. The department of health and senior
2 services shall collaborate with the University of Missouri,
3 School of Medicine regarding the analysis of data collected
4 from ambulance services and emergency medical response
5 agencies pursuant to section 190.176. The provisions of
6 this section shall also apply to the collection, analysis,
7 and disclosure of emergency medical services data under
8 other provisions of state law.

9 2. The department and the university shall maintain
10 the confidentiality of all personal health information
11 abstracted by or reported to the department. Medical
12 information secured pursuant to the provisions of subsection
13 1 of this section shall be released by the department to the
14 university in accordance with formal agreements between the
15 department and the university. The university and the
16 department may share deidentified data with other public
17 health authorities, health researchers, local emergency
18 medical services agencies, regional emergency medical

19 services advisory committees, emergency medical services
20 medical directors, and other research entities if such
21 persons and entities agree to abide by the personal health
22 information confidentiality requirements of state and
23 federal law.

24 3. The department's collaboration with the university
25 and utilization of emergency medical services data and other
26 relevant data shall be for the purpose of quality
27 improvement in the provision of emergency medical services,
28 research, and reporting to regional emergency medical
29 services advisory committees, state agencies, medical
30 directors, and local emergency medical services agencies.

31 4. Local emergency medical services agencies shall be
32 provided with access, at no cost, to the data that the
33 agencies have submitted to the department and the university.

34 5. No individual or organization providing information
35 to the department in accordance with this section shall be
36 deemed to be or be held liable, either civilly or
37 criminally, for divulging confidential information, unless
38 such individual or organization acted in bad faith or with
39 malicious purpose.

40 6. Any employee of the department, a public health
41 authority, the university, or other person with access to
42 the information collected pursuant to this section who
43 knowingly releases information in violation of the
44 provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class A
45 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as
46 provided by law.

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