

By: Senator(s) Hill

To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2879

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT AS A CONDITION OF HOLDING A VALID AMBULANCE LICENSE
3 AND PERMIT, EACH ENTITY MUST SHOW PROOF THAT THE ENTITY HAS
4 ENTERED INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER ENTITY TO ENSURE
5 THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS PROVIDED WITH PROPER RESPONSE TIMES DURING A
6 CRITICAL HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO
7 PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REGARDING SUCH MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS; AND
8 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 41-59-9. From and after October 1, 1974, no person, firm,
13 corporation, association, county, municipality, or metropolitan
14 government or agency, either as owner, agent or otherwise, shall
15 hereafter furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise or
16 otherwise engage in the business of service of transporting
17 patients upon the streets, highways or airways of Mississippi
18 unless he holds a currently valid license and permit, for each
19 ambulance, issued by the board; provided, however, that as a
20 condition of holding a valid license and permit, each such entity
21 must show proof that the entity has entered into a mutual aid



22 agreement with another entity to ensure the general public is
23 provided with proper response times during a critical health
24 emergency. The board shall promulgate regulations regarding such
25 mutual aid agreements.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2024.

