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**A BILL**

To authorize a person who has had a valid 1  
commercial driver's license to drive an 2  
ambulance during the state of emergency due to 3  
COVID-19 and to declare an emergency. 4

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

**Section 1.** (A) As used in this section, "emergency run" 5  
means the period during which an ambulance is traveling to the 6  
scene of an emergency and, if applicable, the period during 7  
which the ambulance is transporting a patient from the scene of 8  
the emergency. 9

(B) Notwithstanding section 4765.43 of the Revised Code, 10  
during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 11  
2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, a person who currently holds 12  
a valid commercial driver's license may serve as the driver of 13  
an ambulance for an emergency medical service organization 14  
during an emergency run. 15

(C) A person serving as the driver of an ambulance through 16  
the authorization under division (B) of this section shall be 17

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