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A BILL

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

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

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

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

(C) A person serving as the driver of an ambulance through the authorization under division (B) of this section shall be
accompanied by at least one EMT, advanced EMT, or paramedic for
the entire emergency run.

Section 2. This act is an emergency measure necessary for
the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and
safety. The reason for such necessity is that immediate action
is crucial to protecting the public health during an outbreak of
COVID-19. Therefore, this act goes into immediate effect.