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**HOUSE BILL NO. 777**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-111.4:9, relating to emergency air medical transportation; informed decision.*

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-111.4:9 as follows:****§ 32.1-111.4:9. Notice requirements for emergency air medical transportation.**

A. *Before emergency medical services personnel initiate contact with an emergency air medical transportation provider for air transport of a patient, the emergency medical services personnel shall obtain written consent from the patient to receive emergency air medical transportation services after providing the patient with the following information for the purpose of allowing the patient to make an informed decision on choosing a form of transportation:*

1. *The patient will be responsible for any payments due for the emergency air medical transportation services;*

2. *The emergency air medical transportation provider might not have contracts with the patient's health care insurer and, therefore, services provided to the patient by such emergency air medical transportation provider may be considered out-of-network services and not covered under the patient's insurance plan; and*

3. *A description of the range of charges that the patient may incur for such emergency air medical transportation services.*

B. *Emergency medical services personnel shall be exempt from complying with the provisions of subsection A if the emergency medical services personnel determine and document that, due to emergency circumstances, compliance might jeopardize the health or safety of the patient or that the patient is unable to provide consent.*

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