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Dear Stakeholder:

You are invited to offer public comment as outlined in this notice regarding proposed changes to Chapter 4766-2 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) entitled "Ambulances." This chapter sets forth the conditions under which the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS) may approve, renew, or deny an application to operate a medical transportation organization (MTO) and sets license and permit fees. In addition, this chapter sets forth standards for MTO organizations, including record-keeping, health and safety requirements, communications, vehicle maintenance, inspections, investigations, and disciplinary grounds.

You are receiving this message pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order 2011-011K and Senate Bill 2 of the 129th General Assembly, which require state agencies, including the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), to draft rules in collaboration with stakeholders, assess and justify any adverse impact on the business community (as defined by Senate Bill 2), and provide opportunity for interested parties to submit feedback regarding proposed rules.

Pursuant to its completed R.C. section 119.032 five-year rule review, EMS amended O.A.C. 4766-2-01 to 4766-2-18 to replace references to the "Ohio medical transportation board" with "EMFTS" and update the definitions section; add an "incorporated by reference" section; update the staffing compliance section using current provider titles and update the communications requirement section; add language to require submission of proof of compliance regarding a service's medical director; add language regarding incomplete applications; add language requiring ambulance facilities to be in compliance with local and state building codes; and include a previously rescinded rule.

Further, EMS proposes to revise the rules regarding investigations of alleged offenses and suspension, revocation, or denial of a license or permit; add language to initiate a fee to re-print vehicle decals; relocate information regarding roadworthiness requirements; and add a requirement for periodic mechanical safety inspections to be conducted by certified mechanics.

The proposed rules and link to submit comments may be accessed electronically via EMS' small business regulatory website at http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules.stm at the heading "Draft Rules Open for Public Comment."

All interested parties are invited to offer public comment at EMS.rules@dps.ohio.gov regarding the proposed changes. **Public comments may be submitted through 11:59 p.m. on July 22, 2016.**

Please copy the Common Sense Initiative Office, which governs the state's regulatory process, at CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov on all public comments that you submit.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melvin R. House".

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Mission Statement

"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."