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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of ambulance services at univer-  
2 sity hospital.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

4 Section 1. Section two hundred fifty-five point nineteen  
5 (255.19), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1971, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 The university hospital authorities may at their discre-  
8 tion receive into the hospital for medical, obstetrical or  
9 surgical treatment or hospital care, patients not committed  
10 thereto under the provisions of this chapter; but the treat-  
11 ment or care of such patients shall not in any way interfere  
12 with the proper medical or surgical treatment or hospital  
13 care of committed patients. The university hospital ambu-  
14 lances and ambulance personnel may be used for the transpor-  
15 tation of such patients at a reasonable charge if specialized  
16 equipment is required and is not otherwise available and if  
17 such use does not interfere with the ambulance transportation  
18 of patients committed to the hospital.

### EXPLANATION

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20 Under present law, the University Hospital at Iowa City  
21 can provide ambulance services only to patients committed  
22 to the hospital as provided in Chapter 255. This bill will  
23 allow the use of such ambulance services, when available,  
24 for other patients not committed to the hospital at a reason-  
25 able charge.

1       The immediate need is for emergency moving of newborn  
2 infants to the specialized facilities available at the Uni-  
3 versity Hospital. Many of these infants require special care  
4 and services which are provided by the University ambulances,  
5 but not by ordinary ambulances. This service is now available  
6 for indigent patients at the hospital and should be available  
7 for paying patients also if the ambulances and personnel are  
8 not otherwise in use.

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