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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the development of a statewide emergency
2 medical care system.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 147A.14 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE
2 SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.

3 The department shall develop a statewide emergency medical
4 care system which includes but is not limited to all of the
5 following:

6 1. The categorization of all ambulance, rescue, and first
7 response services in the state as to their capacity to provide
8 emergency and nonemergency medical care. The categorization
9 shall be determined by the department by self-reported
10 information provided to the department by ambulance, rescue,
11 and first response services in the state.

12 2. The development of a system which provides that, based
13 upon the reports submitted pursuant to subsection 1, emergency
14 medical care services in the state are provided at least on
15 the following level:

16 a. For cities or counties with a population of three
17 thousand five hundred or more, provision of emergency medical
18 service by an emergency medical care provider who is an EMT-
19 paramedic or EMT-intermediate level provider or above.

20 b. For cities or counties with a population of one
21 thousand but less than three thousand five hundred, provision
22 of emergency medical services by an emergency medical care
23 provider who is an EMT-basic level provider or above.

24 c. For cities or counties with a population of less than
25 one thousand, provision of emergency medical services by an
26 emergency medical care provider who is a first-responder level
27 provider or above.

28 3. The consideration of the capability the geographic area
29 to provide for the level of provider for the population
30 specified, and a prohibition that a city or county not be
31 required to provide a level of provider which is not available
32 in the geographic location of the city or county.

33 4. A component which provides for ongoing evaluation of
34 the system established and which provides for modification of
35 the system due to the availability or lack of availability of

1 a certain level of provider.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health to
 4 categorize emergency medical care and providers on a statewide
 5 basis. The bill provides for development of an emergency
 6 medical care system which provides for the services of an
 7 emergency medical care provider of a certain level of
 8 certification for a certain population size. The bill also
 9 requires that the system include an evaluation component in
 10 order to provide for modification of the system to reflect the
 11 providers actually available to a geographic area.

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