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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1728**

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A *BILL to require the Department of Health to review the rules governing dispatch and use of air transportation services providers in emergency medical situations.*

Patrons—Ransone and Orrock

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. § 1. *That the Department of Health (the Department) shall convene a work group composed of stakeholders, including representatives of law enforcement, emergency medical services providers, health insurance providers, and other interested stakeholders, to review the rules, regulations, and protocols governing use of air transportation services, also known as air ambulances, in emergency medical situations. The Department shall also review the rules, regulations, and protocols governing dispatch of air transportation services providers in response to emergency medical situations and develop recommendations for changes to such rules, regulations, and protocols that will address differences in procedures governing dispatch of air transportation services providers in emergency medical situations, differences in billing that may affect individuals involved in emergency medical situations during which air transportation services providers are dispatched for the provision of air transportation, and other issues related to the use of air transportation services in emergency medical situations. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2017.*

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