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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying transport criteria for ambulance service in the state
1.3 trauma system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.604.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.604, is amended to read:

1.6 **144.604 TRAUMA TRIAGE AND TRANSPORTATION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Transport requirement.** Unless the Emergency Medical Services
1.8 Regulatory Board or the ambulance service medical director under section 144E.265 has
1.9 approved a licensed ambulance service's deviation from the guidelines under section
1.10 144E.101, subdivision 14, the ambulance service must transport major trauma patients
1.11 from the scene to the highest state-designated trauma hospital within 30 minutes' transport
1.12 time.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Ground ambulance exceptions.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, ground
1.14 ambulances must comply with the following:

1.15 (1) patients with compromised airways must be transported immediately to the
1.16 nearest ~~designated trauma~~ hospital; and

1.17 (2) level II trauma hospitals capable of providing definitive trauma care must not
1.18 be bypassed to reach a level I trauma hospital, unless outlined in the licensed ambulance
1.19 service's standing orders under section 144E.001, subdivision 13, and approved by the
1.20 ambulance service's medical director.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Undesignated hospitals.** No major trauma patient shall be transported to
1.22 a hospital not participating in the statewide trauma system unless no designated trauma
1.23 hospital is available ~~within 30 minutes' transport time.~~