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2 An act relating to poison control; amending s.  
3 395.1027, F.S., and creating s. 401.268, F.S.;  
4 requiring each basic and advanced life support  
5 service and air ambulance service to develop  
6 and implement a prehospital emergency dispatch  
7 protocol with the appropriate regional poison  
8 control center; providing that the regional  
9 poison control centers shall assume  
10 responsibility and liability for calls  
11 transferred in accordance with the protocol;  
12 providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section  
17 395.1027, Florida Statutes, to read:

18 395.1027 Regional poison control centers.--

19 (4) By October 1, 1999, each regional poison control  
20 center shall develop a prehospital emergency dispatch protocol  
21 with each licensee defined by s. 401.23(13) in the geographic  
22 area covered by the regional poison control center. The  
23 prehospital emergency dispatch protocol shall be developed by  
24 each licensee's medical director in conjunction with the  
25 designated regional poison control center responsible for the  
26 geographic area in which the licensee operates. The protocol  
27 shall define toxic substances and describe the procedure by  
28 which the designated regional poison control center may be  
29 consulted by the licensee. If a call is transferred to the  
30 designated regional poison control center in accordance with  
31 the protocol established under this section and s. 401.268,

1 the designated regional poison control center shall assume  
2 responsibility and liability for the call.

3           Section 2. Section 401.268, Florida Statutes, is  
4 created to read:

5           401.268 Protocols with regional poison control  
6 centers.--By October 1, 1999, each licensee shall implement a  
7 prehospital emergency dispatch protocol with the regional  
8 poison control center established pursuant to s. 395.1027. The  
9 prehospital emergency dispatch protocol shall be developed by  
10 the licensee's medical director in conjunction with the  
11 designated regional poison control center responsible for the  
12 geographic area in which the licensee operates. The protocol  
13 shall define toxic substances and describe the procedure by  
14 which the designated regional poison control center may be  
15 consulted by the licensee. If a call is transferred to the  
16 regional poison control center in accordance with the protocol  
17 established under this section and s. 395.1027, the regional  
18 poison control center shall assume responsibility and  
19 liability for the call.

20           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the  
21 year in which enacted.

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